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Prime Minister thanks Bridgend volunteer for MS charity work

MS Society volunteers flank Prime Minister May at Number 10.

PRIME Minister Theresa May hosted a reception at Downing Street for the MS Society, celebrating the contribution made by the charity's volunteers on November 5.

The event celebrated the impact volunteers and many others have had on multiple sclerosis (MS) research.

The Prime Minister met and thanked a number of volunteers, including Terry Moseley from Bridgend.

Mr Moseley's wife Elaine has lived with MS for 30 years, and for more than 25 years they have volunteered for the MS Society.

PM May said: "It's thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers like Terry that the MS Society continues to deliver such vital work, such as raising awareness, providing support to those affected and funding crucial research into new treatment.

"Terry's dedication to the society is a humbling reminder of all that volunteers contribute and have helped achieve as we work together to stop MS."

Mr Moseley said: "Both my wife Elaine and I were thrilled to be invited to Downing Street. We've been involved with the MS Society for over 25 years and it's great to recognise all the hard work that it does."

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All guns are blazing for new wartime website

Flight Sergeants ER Thorn (pilot, left) and FJ Barker (air gunner) pose with Little Willie (their teddy bear mascot) and their Boulton Paul Defiant aircraft after destroying their 13th Axis aircraft; Thorn and Barker were the most successful Defiant crew of the war. Their connection to Bridgend can only be hazarded, as that No. 7 Air Gunners School was based at RAF Stormy Down.

BRIDGEND Town Council has launched a website for the Wartime Bridgend project.

It contains information about the Wartime Bridgend project which the town council has been running since May 2017.

The project, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, aims to capture oral histories and develop an archive of photographs and memorabilia of Bridgend during the war. This work was undertaken by a group of pupils from Bryntirion Comprehensive with support from their history teacher Andrew Shell.

The project also had a small team of historians who met with people who lived and worked in Bridgend during World War Two. You can listen to and read about these interviews on the website, which also feature a downloadable KS2 education pack for teachers and learners, along with information about Bridgend during WW2.

Those behind the project hope that the website will be a key resource for tourists to the town as they will be able to engage with this history with three interpretation panels in the town centre that will tell parts of these important stories.

The project marks the important role that Bridgend played during the war, which includes Royal Ordnance Factories, which employed up to 40,000 people at the time.

Just to the west of the town an RAF armaments training school was based at Stormy Down, linked to the marine base at Porthcawl.

For more information, visit www.wartimebridgend.com.

Helping hands for green-fingered students

STUDENTS of Heronsbridge School in Bridgend have launched a new social enterprise business growing and selling vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Construction company Lovell and housing provider Hafod jointly supported the venture by supplying the students with a polytunnel.

The wheelchair-accessible facility provides 16- to 19-year-old students with extensive growing space for cultivating fresh produce, enabling them to develop their horticultural and life skills.

It is the latest initiative launched by Heronsbridge to prepare students for living independently, following on from the school's long-running Blas Da coffee shop social enterprise and a more recent car valeting business.

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Charity giving by Pencoed Scouts

SCOUTS in Pencoed donated several boxes of food to the local foodbank while learning about the work of the Trussell Trust and the support they provide to people in Pencoed and Bridgend.

Scout Leader Richard Gamble added: "Each term the Scouts take on a challenge badge, this term we are exploring the World Challenge.

"We asked the Scouts to bring in food items that are put in food parcels to help people in our community who are in need of support. They did us proud and we were able to donate several boxes of food."

Lions get spooky before preparing for the festive season

Photographs by John Cosson.

AS part of the Lions in Porthcawl social scene, the group decided this year to have a party at the Grove Golf Club.

Many of those attending took the opportunity to dress in accordance with the time of the year; it was a Hallowe'en night to remember.

Some 30 members and guests attended and enjoyed the food, the company and the opportunity to dress up.

All now is in hand for the Lions Christmas Grotto being held at the Porthcawl Museum starting on December 1, running from 11am to 4pm every Saturday up to and including December 22.

The charge this year is £4 per child and a quality gift is guaranteed.

Santa will be there.

The Boxing Day 'fun run' is once again scheduled, starting as usual from the Hi Tide. Full details of this event can be found on the Porthcawl Lions web page which is porthcawllions.org.

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Open day at The Squirrel's Nest

THE Squirrel's Nest is having an open day on Saturday, November 17 from 11am to 3pm at its premises in Tondu Enterprise Centre.

All are welcome to come and see what they do.

There will be things for sale that have been made by the members including Christmas items. There will also be a chance to meet the members and talk to them about the Squirrel's Nest.

The Squirrel's Nest is a registered charity and part of the Men in Sheds project. It was started in early 2000 with an aim to provide a place for men to 'hang out', socialise and do something practical.

To find out more about the project, call 01656 729625.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
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10 Sat	07.49	9.9	20.06	9.8
11 Sun	08.23	9.5	20.39	9.4
12 Mon	08.58	9.1	21.15	8.9
13 Tues	09.34	8.6	21.53	8.4
14 Wed	10.16	8.2	22.37	7.9
15 Thur	11.08	7.7	23.35	7.5

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Coed Parc Library on the market for £525,000

A DEVELOPMENT site which was at the centre of a High Court planning dispute has been put up for sale at £525,000.

The old Coed Parc Library site in Park Street, Bridgend, which includes a Grade II listed main house, was sold by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to Wales and West Housing Association (WWHA) in 2012.

The site received planning permission in December 2017 for 15 homes after Wales & West's commercial subsidiary, Castell Homes, applied for consent.

Over the last year, the site has been embroiled in a dispute brought by residents living next door.

Last month, resident Alistair Nelson, took the matter to Cardiff High Court asking a judge for a judicial review to be held into the decision-making process undertaken by BCBC.

Dr Nelson accused BCBC of breaking its own planning rules as the two applications associated with the site never went before the local authority's development control committee, despite numerous objections from residents living nearby in Walters Street.

He also raised questions over discussions between planning officers and the developer over the listed building consent, and warned the integrity of the planning system in Wales was undermined with the Welsh Ministers "failing to revoke an unlawful decision by BCBC".

The old Coed Parc Library site involved two planning applications; one for listed building consent to convert the old building into two homes and one for the entire 15 home development.

Using their powers of delegated authority, BCBC officers refused the full application and approved the listed building consent in August 2017.

In doing so, residents claimed the local authority "ignored" a petition signed by 26 people against the plans as well as objection letters and the views of two local county councillors and the town council.

Residents say that due to the number of objections, the application should have gone before the council's development control committee rather than being decided by planning officers under delegated authority.

They argue the refusal for the full application was based on a "weak argument" which, together with the listed building consent, paved the way for a planning inspector to overturn the council's decision and permit the entire development as soon as Castell Homes appealed.

Earlier this year, residents turned to the Welsh Ministers, via Cabinet Secretary for Planning Lesley Griffiths, to ask them to revoke the listed building consent, saying it was "illegally" approved by delegated authority.

Ministers refused, saying the claim was "fundamentally misconceived".

This led to the judicial review request by Dr Nelson who said the Welsh Ministers "failed" to deal with the breach in regulations.

However, the judge, Mrs Justice Andrews, refused the request for a judicial review despite saying there was a "nasty smell" about part of the process involving the listed building consent.

She said the listed building consent was anticipated by the developer to be something that would give him "a helping hand" when it came to the planning permission but ruled that while the consent "might be an important and significant piece of background information" when dealing with a planning appeal, it "did not directly impact" on the issues raised.

She also pointed out that Welsh Government policy meant a revocation order could only address the merits of the decision under challenge rather than any "flouting of the planning rules".

Pointing out "fundamental difficulties" with the judicial review request, Mrs Justice Andrews said the challenge should have involved the planning permission for the site which involved the decision on access rather than the listed building consent.

She said: "It is true that when one seeks listed building consent for a development, a design and access statement is required to be supplied, but the listed building consent, in a case such as this at least, does not impact on the grant of access. It was the planning permission that did that.

"The planning permission, having been initially refused, has nevertheless now been granted and that decision is unimpeachable.

"It remains a valid grant of planning permission, including the grant of access, and it is there irrespective of the grievance of the neighbours."

Residents say they have no issue with the development itself, but object to the plans to access 10 of the new homes by extending their quiet cul-de-sac, Walters Road, onto the site.

They say the original entrance off Park Street – the A473 – used for five homes, should be used for all 15, highlighting road safety issues at the St Leonard's Road/Park Street junction which would be used by vehicles accessing their homes via their cul-de-sac.

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "As a result of Mrs Justice Andrews' refusal of the judicial review application, the Welsh Ministers' decision of March 5, 2018 not to revoke listed building consent will stand."

A Bridgend Council spokesman said: "The Coed Parc application has been processed and dealt with in full compliance with all relevant planning rules and regulations, and is in line with national and local policy."

Liz Bradfield, local democracy reporter

The former Coed Parc Library site in Park Street, Bridgend.

COITY WALLIA COMMON
Community of Heol y Cyw
County Borough of Bridgend

Wales & West Utilities has applied to the Welsh Ministers for consent under section 38 of The Commons Act 2006 to carry out restricted works on Coity Wallia Common.

The Proposed works involve an installation of a new Pressure reducing station (PRS) measuring 5m x 5m with a 2m high Palisade fence to act as the new boundary to the new PRS site. The work will be undertaken directly adjacent to the existing PRS on the common which is opposite Brynteg, Heol Y Cyw.

A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at Pencoed Library, Penybont Road, Pencoed, CF35 5RA between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 6th December 2018 . A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to Rhys Richards of Rees Richards & Partners, Druslyn House, De La Beche Street SA13HH or **rhys.richards@reesrichards.co.uk**

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing before the **6th December 2018** to the Planning Inspectorate Wales at Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, or **wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk**. Letters sent to the Planning Inspectorate **cannot be treated as confidential**. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

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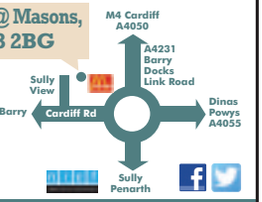

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Soldier was wounded and gassed – and then came home to fall victim to the Spanish Flu

Porthcawl News November 1918 by Ceri Joseph

The balcony in John Street from which the Armistice was announced.

St John's Church.

Porthcawl historian Ceri Joseph continues her series on life in the town during the Great War – and this month it is a momentous one, the end of hostilities.

AT 2.15am on November 11, 1918 the German delegation met Marshal Foch and other Allied representatives in Foch's railway carriage in the Compeigne forest.

Matthias Erzberger attempted to wrestle some levity for Germany from the severe Allied demands, stipulated by President Woodrow Wilson, but failed. Surrender of weapons and conquered lands were the enforced terms for an Armistice which was signed by Erzberger at 5.10am.

The previous day, again in keeping with Wilson's demand that negotiations with Germany would only go ahead as long as Germany became a democracy, Kaiser Wilhelm abdicated and left Germany for an exile in Holland that would last until his death in 1941, aged 82

Tragically, between the signing of the Armistice and the allotted ceasefire at 11am, 2,738 more men on all sides would be killed. The news that Germany had surrendered reached troops along the Western Front at different times as the information had been conveyed either by telephone, telegraph, dispatch riders or by runners.

The Western Front was the last theatre of the war as Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria/Hungary had surrendered, respectively, in the weeks and days before.

Mixed reactions greeted the Armistice. The new Socialist government of Germany was relieved as the desperate economic and physical state of the nation had almost resulted in revolution.

The Prussian old guard, on the other hand, fuelled by Luddendorff's pronouncement that the German Army had not been beaten, but had been stabbed in the back by Socialist and Communist factions within German society, would prove to be the belief that, in time, would fester and upon which, in 1919, the German Nationalist Party would build its doctrine and eventually grow into the Nationalist Socialist Party under Adolf Hitler.

Meanwhile in November 1918, as Allied leaders rejoiced at the end of hostilities, Marshal Foch predicted: 'This is not a peace. It is an Armistice for 20 years.' Twenty years and 65 days later, World War 2 broke out.

At home the Porthcawl News reported: '*In John Street, The Square, Esplanade Avenue, Mary Street, Suffolk Place, Fenton Place, South Road, New Road, Mackworth Road, Newton, Nottage and other parts of Porthcawl, flags were flying.*

"The bugle band of the local Boy Scouts, as well as some hundreds of school children, were eagerly upon the scene. Hooters, gongs and church bells pealed merrily ….. crowds of people waited outside the Council Chamber to hear the speeches."

However, when the official announcement came from the balcony of the Council Chamber (Spar today) there was a sad touch as earlier that morning at Porthcawl Police Station, John Street, (museum today) PC Frank Trott had died from the Spanish Flu.

Born in Somerset in 1887 Frank had moved to Pontypridd by 1911, where he worked as a plate layer. Within a year he had joined the Glamorgan Constabulary and by 1914 had been posted to Newton Police Station.

Along with five other Porthcawl policemen, he joined the newly-formed Welsh Guards Regiment on April 3, 1915. In August that year the regiment was posted to The Western Front, seeing action at Loos, The Somme, Neuve Chappelle and Ypres, during which Frank had been severely wounded and gassed twice.

As a result of his health, Lance Sergeant Frank Trott was discharged from the service on May 27, 1918, whereupon he returned to Porthcawl and the police force; this time at John Street Station under the command of Sergeant Jenkins.

On October 21 he married Annie Mary David of Nottage, but tragically their marriage lasted only three weeks.

It seems that PC Trott's funeral encompassed the grief of the whole town, as many had been robbed of the chance to bury their own loved ones. PC Frank Trott was interred with full military honours in Newton churchyard on November 14.

That morning hundreds of people had assembled outside the police station in John Street, whereupon the Rev WJ Phillips conducted a service before the cortege began its journey to Newton.

The cortege headed a party of local Volunteer Training Corps under the charge of Sergeant-Major Farrow, a military band, 35 of the Glamorgan Constabulary, wounded soldiers, discharged soldiers; and more Porthcawlians who joined the procession as it made its way to the churchyard. Upon arriving at the church, the body was met by the Rev T Holmes Morgan who conducted the service, while later at the graveside the firing party fired three volleys over the grave followed by the 'Last Post'.

No sooner had the town begun to cope with its grief, than news of another son reached the town: Cyril Jones Williams had died on November 20 of bronchial pneumonia, following influenza and was buried in Saint Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France.

Born in 1885 in Porthcawl, Cyril was the eldest of six children born to Thomas and Clara Williams of 'Bryngwyn', Mackworth Road.

Gunner Williams, 293rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, had enlisted at the outbreak of war and had served initially on the East African Coast before transferring to the Western Front.

In 1911, while working as a quarryman Cyril had married Margaret Hopkin and the couple had set up home at 2 Hutchins Terrace, where a son was born two years later.

It is interesting to note that every male member of Cyril's family served with the colours in World War One. His father, Thomas, with the Royal Defense Corps while brothers Ivor, Alfred, Ewart and Fred served with the Royal Artillery, Royal Air Force, Welsh Regiment and Royal Navy, respectively.

Porthcawl Police 1914. Constable Trott, bottom right.

Before the month was out Company Sergeant Major Arthur Thomas Roberts, 24th Welsh Regiment, had died had died as a result of his wounds, on November 23 at 2nd Western General Hospital Pendleton, Manchester.

CSM Roberts' remains were conveyed by train to Porthcawl by 11pm on November 26 where they were received by VT Corps Sergeant – Major Farrow, Sergeant Oliver Howe and Tom Harding of the railway staff. CSM Roberts was buried the following Saturday with full military honours at St John's churchyard.

Earlier in October, Mr and Mrs Stradling Roberts of 'The Morfa', South Road, (Windmill House today) had been informed that their son had been severely wounded in action, in France. A missive later received from the chaplain further explained that it had found necessary to amputate the right arm.

Arthur had been born, one of six children, to Stradling and Mary Roberts in 1888. The whole family had been born in Porthcawl. Stradling worked as a stonemason while Arthur had been a haulier at the local timber yard; which probably would have been the Jennings building, at the side of the old dock.

Arthur's military career began when he joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry at Porthcawl in 1908. Called up at the outbreak of war he served at home, in Egypt, the Eastern Front before being transferred in 1917 to the Western Front.

In 1915 Arthur had married Lucy Hopkin and set up home at 2 Crichton Terrace, New Road, Porthcawl where she gave birth just before Arthur's death.

Incidentally Lucy had been too ill with pneumonia, a consequence of the Spanish Flu, to attend her husband's funeral. Following Arthur's death, Lucy married Phillip Lewis from Bridgend in 1920 and she died in 1965.

The depth of emotion felt at home during November seemed to be at odds with that of many soldiers serving at the front. The outpouring of elation at the Armistice in Porthcawl, for example, was in complete contrast with the diary entry of Major ADG Evans, MC, Royal Horse Artillery, who moved to Porthcawl after the war.

His entries for November were as follows: November 1 – 'Boche running like fun.' November 5 – 'Advancing every day.' November 11 – 'Armistice declared. Very dull affair.' November 16 – 'Arrived (at Viesly) to polish up for march to the Rhine.'

Whether at home or abroad the Armistice may have signalled the end of warfare, but it heralded the start of other challenges. Demobilisation, political instability and a fragile economy would become the main issues facing MPs elected on December 14, the first General Election after the war. Moreover, women over 30 years old would vote for the first time at this election.

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The Vale's memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry

THE phrase 'sprightly' fails to do justice to Llandow man Tudor Phillips, late of 104 Regiment Royal Artillery.

Mr Phillips telephoned The GEM with the often-used words "I may have a story for you", and he was – and one hopes the Nine-Mile Snipers will approve of the pun – bang on target.

Along the A48 a couple of miles outside Cowbridge is the Bryn Owain pub, which is the landmark.

More visible, but only just, when heading west through the trees is an obelisk almost 40-foot high; it is a blink-and-you'll-miss-it site.

We arranged to meet in the pub's car park, drove – a 4X4 is best – a quarter of a mile or so up what is reputedly a Roman road and parked, donned Wellingtons and traipsed across the common to the obelisk, which is a memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry.

In 1793, the prime minister, William Pitt the Younger, proposed that the English Counties form a force of volunteer yeoman cavalry, equivalent to the Territorials formed in 1907, and the Reserves of today

The Glamorgan Yeomanry, like so many other regiments, was raised to deal with our friends across *la manche* before the *entente* was so *cordiale* and before (twice now) we helped remove forces that had invaded France.

The memorial, erected and dedicated in 1922, bears the inscription:

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Some 22 of the regiment fell, including six officers, during The Great War. Some of the fallen rest in Wales, some even in graveyards in Cornelly, Nottage, and Coity. Others lie where they died, in France, Belgium, Cairo, in Jerusalem.

One of those at rest in Jerusalem is Major Richard Maunsell Prichard, whose parents lived in Bridgend, and there is a plaque (top image) in St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle in Bridgend to his memory.

The Glamorgan Yeomanry has gone through many incarnations, becoming an artillery regiment in 1922, and gaining further battle honours during World War Two including Monte Cassino, Operation Market Garden, and Operation Overlord, the D-Day invasion of France.

After the restructuring of the Territorial Army in 1967, the Glamorgan Yeomanry lineage was perpetuated by C (Glamorgan Yeomanry) Troop, 211 (South Wales) Battery, 104th Regiment Royal Artillery. GEM readers may remember a piece to coincide with Reserves' Day about Gunner Natalie O'Shea of Pencoed and of 104 Regiment,

Chatting to Mr Phillips by the monument – which to a layman appears to be in good condition – on a crisp Autumnal day, there are number of things he would like to see happen to the site, including making it more visible.

Many trees have, quite naturally, grown in the past 96 years.

Mr Phillips – who is 87 and shares his birthday with the Prince of Wales – said: "It's a grand monument to a local regiment with centuries of history and many connections around Bridgend the Vale and further afield.

"To see it remain accessible, and maintained and visible would be a further tribute to the sacrifices made by the Glamorgan Yeomanry."

If you have family connections to the Glamorgan Yeomanry, please send details to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Busy time for local Air Cadets

Flt Sgt Peckham with cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) and 1092 (Bridgend) Squadron.

ON the first weekend of the school break, six cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets spent at a mini green camp at Penally Training Camp near Tenby.

They took part in a weekend camp attended by other cadets from No 3 Welsh Wing. The weekend was fully packed with various activities such as ILM Youth Leader's Qualification, First Aid, Adventure training, and drill. Cadet Flight Sergeant Willoughby also attended the adult volunteer induction package as part of her application for becoming a Staff Cadet at the age of 18.

Civilian instructor Miss Littlejohns and Flight Sergeant Peckham RAFAC both completed the AVIP course renewal as part of their ongoing compulsory training.

In addition to the six cadets Cadet Corporal Parisi attended a shooting weekend at Penally to progress her shooting skills, and she achieved CLF6 just missing CLF7 by two points.

On Monday morning Flight Sergeant Peckham, Mrs Griffiths (committee member) and instructor Staff Cadet Warrant Officer Morris transported 11 cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron and 1092 (Bridgend) Squadron on an educational visit to Cardiff Aviation Approved Training Organisation at Cardiff Airport.

While there they were given a talk on the company which was created by Bruce Dickinson of the rock band Iron Maiden.

The talk on the cabin crew certainly enlightened them into the vast amount of information they need to retain and know. The cadets were allowed to take off and land a Boeing 747 at Heathrow, but don't panic – it was in a simulator. All did extremely well and managed to land the aircraft successfully.

Flight Sergeant Peckham would like to express thanks to Dave, Barry and Laura of Cardiff Aviation for being the hosts for the day. The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the visit, especially the flight simulator.

Remembrance Café reminder

THE Remembrance Café, an initiative by Fran Hunt, will be based in Carnegie House on the day of the Remembrance Sunday Service (November 11, between 10am and 3pm) and the family Remembrance Service the day before, from 12 noon to 2pm.

Fran said: "It is a place for the people of Bridgend, particularly those who have been affected by war, to share tea, cake and companionship.

"This year we're also opening a quiet space away from the hubbub of the main café. This is for people who have PTSD or those who find crowds difficult and need a safe space to retreat to.

"The donations made towards refreshments are in aid of the Royal British Legion. Last year the café was a great success and we raised £172.

"We're hoping to beat that this year, and we are still in need of willing volunteers and cake donations.

"If you can help, please contact me via email at fran.kelly@me.com. You can also donate money to our Just Giving page to help us find the funds needed for refreshments and advertising. "You can also visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/remembrancecafe."

Cosmology Corner: looking at the moons of the Solar System

TAKING inspiration yet again from a recent tea-time TV quiz programme (which frequently seems to include astronomy as a question category), we're going to stay closer to home on this occasion and look at the moons of the solar system – of which there are 198 and counting!

Jupiter plays host to an astonishing 79 moons of which the four 'Galilean' moons Ganymede, Callisto, Io and Europa, are readily visible through ordinary binoculars strung out in a line alongside the planet.

They are so called because they were first identified as moons of Jupiter by Galileo using his early telescope. Ganymede is the largest moon in the solar system, being larger than Mercury and two thirds the size of Mars. If it were orbiting the Sun instead of Jupiter it would certainly be classed as a planet in its own right.

Ganymede is known to have four subsurface salt water oceans containing six times the total volume of water on Earth! Callisto is the least radioactive of all the moons, while Io is the most radioactive. Io is also the hottest moon with temperatures of more than two and a half thousand degrees Fahrenheit around its 400 volcanoes.

Europa, the smallest of the four Galilean moons, is certainly the most interesting being an ice moon with cryo-geysers and a thin oxygen atmosphere. Scientists think this moon is a likely candidate for primitive life in its subsurface water ocean.

Of Saturn's 62 moons, Titan also holds special interest. It has the most dense atmosphere of any moon, almost one and a half times as dense as Earth's atmosphere, and rivers and seas of liquid methane and ethane. Titan's atmosphere consists of 97 per cent nitrogen and almost 3 per cent methane. It is also believed to have a sub-surface liquid water ocean.

Our own moon, Luna, is the fifth largest natural satellite in the Solar System. It is the coldest of all the moons with temperatures as low as 413 degrees Fahrenheit in the shadowed craters at its south pole.

The Moon rotates on its axis in about the same time it takes to orbit the Earth which is why we always see the same face when we view it from Earth. The gravitational attraction that masses have for one another decreases inversely with the square of distance, so the side of the Earth facing the Moon experiences a slightly greater attraction than the part of the Earth opposite the Moon. The oceans on the side under the Moon bulge outwards, towards the Moon, under this gravitational attraction and, in simple terms, this is what causes the elevated sea levels which we know as ocean tides.

Back to that TV quiz programme – what was the actual question which has caused our current interest? It was several weeks ago and I can't remember the exact wording, but it related to which of three named planets in the solar system had no moon. There being just two such planets, the correct answer among those offered would either have been Venus, which may have had a moon in the distant past which was destroyed in a collision with another object, or Mercury, which is too close to the Sun to hold on to a moon.

Mercury is a curious planet and is of special interest just now with the recent launch of two probes developed in Europe and Japan which are now well on their way to the Sun's closest neighbour. More on that next time.

Norman Lloyd

Bridgend Quiz League results and teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Imprisoned on Devil's Island, how was Frenchman Henri Charriere better known?

2. How is Lynn Mittell, a Welsh musician, actor, comic and radio presenter better known?

3. Ship, Cambrian and Tennis Club were once names of what in relation to Bridgend town?

The results from the Quiz League for November 5 are as follows:

Five Bells A 66, Laleston Inn A 58; Mackworth Arms 61, Cabo Roche 63; Laleston Inn B, 50 Six Bells Clangers 61; Prince of Wales Coychurch 58, Five Bells B 57; Chatterton Shunters 55, Pheasant Gamekeepers 44; Crown Maesteg v Bye; Tondu Railway Club 75, TyRisha Arms 56; Penybont AFC Nomads 72, Oddfellows Arms 56.

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Answers:
1. Papillon.
2. Owen Money.
3. Public houses.

The Tractor Boys of Aberthin take to the road

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KPC issues plea for support in the 2018 'Big Give' challenge

LOCAL charity KPC Youth & Community has, again, been selected to participate in this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge, the UK's largest match funding campaign which coincides with 'Giving Tuesday' and runs from midday on November 27 to midday Tuesday, December 4, when donations to participating charities will be doubled.

KPC will be raising money for our project, KPC Youth & Community – 20th Year and Onwards.

KPC celebrates 20 years of opening and supporting our community in November 2018, our doors having originally opened to young people on November 28, 1998.

We still believe in our original ethos of supporting young people, to give them better chances in life, to seek funding to support moving forward and continuing our work, and hope you can support us with this.

This way of raising funds, with match funding of donations made, so if you donate £5, this potentially gives us £10 plus Gift Aid; donations of £50 can raise us £100 plus Gift Aid and so on.

We are encouraging local businesses, and groups to be part of this by organising a small fundraising event, such as cake sales, raffles, 'dress down Friday', making a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year, even donating the cost of a pint, drink or take-away coffee.

Donations must be made online via the following link from midday on November 27: secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/29504.

Please spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. This is too good an opportunity for us to miss, and we hope you're able to get us a step closer to achieving our challenge.

Call Alison on 01656 79219 or email kpcyouth@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

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90 years old... and Angelina continues volunteering at hospital

Volunteers Yvonne Brown, Angelina Jenkins and Helen Berron celebrating Angelina's 90th birthday at Bwythyn Newydd.

A HOSPITAL volunteer who is celebrating her 90th birthday says she "cannot imagine not being there for the patients".

Angelina Jenkins has volunteered every Thursday at a palliative care day centre in Bridgend for the last 15 years and despite turning 90, she has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon.

Angelina has become a listening ear for patients during her time volunteering at Y Bwythyn Newydd in Princess of Wales Hospital. She said: "I have often thought about finishing, but I just can't bear the thought of not coming to the centre and chatting to the patients here.

"You really get to know people. Although we are so thrilled when they are able to leave the unit and return home, it's really sad to say goodbye."

She is best known in the centre for her creative skills, holding regular arts and crafts sessions for patients.

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Local PACT meetings

MORFA WILDMILL PACT public meeting will be held at The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Monday, November 19 at 5pm.

NEWTON PACT public meeting will be held at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, November 20 at 6.30pm.

BRACKLA PACT public meeting will be held at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, Thursday, November 29 at 6.30pm.

Men shed their inhibitions for fundraising calendar

CAERAU Men's Shed is raising awareness of the problems of isolation and loneliness among men in the area.

The group has recognised that increasing numbers of men find themselves isolated in their own homes, experiencing feelings of loneliness, low self-worth and even a lack of purpose in life.

In many situations this has had a major impact on their physical and mental health.

The Men's Shed organisation, which originated in Australia, is now becoming more and more popular in Wales with increasing numbers of groups being established across the country.

The purpose of the organisation is to assist men to combat the stress of loneliness and isolation by introducing opportunities for them to meet, share and enjoy a variety of hobbies and activities together.

Caerau Men's Shed is leading the way with an 'innovative' activity schedule.

Now in its second year, the members of Caerau Men's Shed hold their regular meeting every Friday at the Caerau Community Development Trust where they plan their upcoming projects and activities.

Friendships that have evolved from these meetings have led to the men also meeting up at the centre informally throughout the week for coffee, breakfast or lunch.

The men have been involved in many projects and activities in the area. These include raising money for causes, developing allotments and landscaping land at the rear of the centre to be used as an outdoor patio.

The latest project for the Caerau Men's Shed has been the production of its 2019 calendar. They wanted to show that just because they are now more mature (and perhaps a little less agile) it did not mean that they couldn't have fun.

So, they decided on the theme of 'Boys having Fun' and reminiscing on their youth; they came up with lots of ideas which included making tree swings, gambos (Welsh for go-carts), playing conkers and even chasing goats and alpacas.

The time spent on production rejuvenated them and with the support of many organisations they were able to create the calendar.

One month features cavemen.

It was launched last Friday evening at a special celebration event in Caerau with the sponsors, local Mayoress Lynn Beadle and AM Huw Irranca-Davies in attendance.

The evening was an amazing success with the highlight being the premiere of the documentary film *The Making of the Caerau Men's Shed 2019 Calendar,* by Chris Davies from ColourBlack Productions with drone footage from Jem Airpics.

The film captured the whole story and ethos of the Men's Shed organisation through the lives and fun-filled activities of the Caerau members.

Included in the film was the induction of one of the newer members of Caerau Men's Shed, World War II veteran Victor Davies who recently celebrated his 100th birthday and is now the oldest Men's Shed member in Wales.

Mr Davies joined in the fun of making the calendar and his wife remarked that following the photo shoot he gained a renewed energy.

All the proceeds of the calendar will be put back into the Caerau Men's Shed and used to help men in the area.

The making of the calendar has shown that men coming together to work on a project with a common goal is a perfect way to eliminate isolation and improve men's health and well-being.

Words and images by Phil Davies

Reader's thanks after collapse

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came to my aid when I collapsed in the post office in Bridgend on Tuesday morning, on October 30.

In particular I would like to mention the post office staff, the off-duty paramedic and the care home worker. Thank you all.

(Name and address supplied.)

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BCBC is fined at Crown Court after fatal accident in Maesteg

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has been fined £300,000 at Cardiff Crown Court following the death of a 15-year-old pupil who was struck by a minibus near Maesteg Comprehensive School in December 2014, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

In addition, the local authority was ordered to pay legal costs of £29,228.

The council was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive in relation to the death of Ashley Talbot and admitted being an employer which failed to discharge general health and safety duties to persons other than employees.

The Recorder for Cardiff, Judge Eleri Rees said Ashley's death could have been avoided, had health and safety measures been in place.

Prosecutor Simon Morgan said a bus driver had described how he was parking his vehicle behind another bus, and there were two buses on either side of the road.

One driver became aware of boys running past between gaps in the buses and into the road.

Mr Morgan said the driver saw a school mini bus approach and heard a loud thud and someone shouted: "He's been hit."

Ashley, who suffered multiple injuries, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was under the school minibus.

The school opened in September 2008.

Traffic arrangements, including parking, bus bays, drop-off points and walkways had needed to be costed early because if they occurred later, it would be expensive and difficult to implement.

But, said Mr Morgan: "This was not achieved at the design phase, was not rectified and was not monitored throughout the process."

He claimed the council failed to comply with "a huge amount of guidance."

He said that the authority had failed to address issues created in and outside of the school which presented a risk to children.

The court heard that three weeks before Ashley's death, a pupil ran between two parked buses, causing a school minibus to brake hard and on a later occasion, pupils ran into the path of a minibus, which stopped just in time.

The prosecution's case, he said, was a tragic incident which could have been prevented, had BCBC followed measures to minimise the risks.

Anthony Vines, representing the council, said the authority wished to record its deep regret for the circumstances which resulted in Ashley's death.

He said there had since been a review of the authority's behaviour with respect to vehicle movement and a programme had been designed to protect the children on all schools and premises under the council's ownership. This involved more than 100 sites.

The court heard that Ashley had been a loving son and brother and was a keen chess player.

It was also revealed that another child who could not be named was also involved in the incident.

The court heard that the driver of the bus concerned, a PE teacher, Christopher Brooks, had been unable to avoid Ashley, after he ran into the road.

An inquest has ruled that Ashley's death was accidental.

Said the Judge: "Any sentence passed at this hearing cannot attempt to mitigate the loss of a precious and priceless life or address what the family has suffered and continues to endure.

Five people charged with drug offences

FIVE people from Bridgend have been charged with conspiring to supply class A drugs.

Vivian James aged 77, of Sarn, Paula Maxine Davies aged 37, of Sarn, Jason Matthew Davies aged 48 of Ynysawdre, Sharon Bumford aged 43 of Bridgend, and James Marcus Peters aged 44 of Pontycymer, all appeared at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on November 1.

They have all been charged with one count of conspiring to supply a class A controlled drug – heroin – and one count of conspiring to supply a class A controlled drug – crack cocaine.

Three of them have been bailed. Bumford and Peters have been remanded into custody.

They will all appear next in court on November 28.

A 35-year-old man from Bridgend who was arrested on suspicion of conspiring to supply a class A controlled drug has been released under investigation.

A 44-year-old man, a 47-year-old man and a 49-year-old man, who were arrested have been released without charge.

Local photographer clicks in national photo competition

A YOUNG photographer from Coychurch is among the finalists in a national competition celebrating the 'strength and diversity' of the UK manufacturing sector.

Siobhan Lock has been shortlisted in the EEF Manufacturing Photography Competition open to young, amateur and professional photographers.

Siobhan has six entries in the young photographer group taken at the Margam Green Energy Plant in Port Talbot and at Paulin Watches in Glasgow.

The competition theme 'Celebrating Everyday Manufacturing' reflects the strength and diversity of the UK manufacturing sector and entrants were encouraged to capture British products, components or processes in creative or abstract ways.

The winners will be announced in Westminster on November 20. Prizes include a share of £5,000, a day's training course, an MP guided tour of the House of Commons and a year's membership of The Guild of Photographers.

The winning photos will also be displayed in ministerial offices, at EEF premises across the country, at the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2018 and at some of Britain's busiest railway stations.

ABOVE: Among Siobhan's entries is 'Suspension of Time' which was taken at Paulin Watches, Glasgow.

Bridgend remembers: an update

BRIDGEND Town Council has released an update to its programme of events for Remembrance events as detailed on page six of The GEM of October 25.

To conclude the Remembrance commemorations in Bridgend the beacon brazier on Newcastle Hill, in front of St Illtyd's Church, will be lit on the evening of November 11.

The beacon lighting is part of the national event 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' and will include the playing of *Last Post*, the lighting of the beacon to symbolise an end to the darkness of war and an 'international cry for peace' read by the Town Crier, Graham Vedmore.

For the full schedule, visit www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Alone, but not forgotten...

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These are tank or aircraft crews who fought and died together, and whose remains were unseparable. Sometimes, coffins are filled with sandbags to give it the weight to heft it properly and more seemingly onto the shoulders of the bearer party.

Barely a civilian cemetery in the land has not at least one CWGC grave.

St Illtyd's in Newcastle, Bridgend has one. Cowbridge has two, Porthcawl cemetery has 18, including Kiwis, Canadians, and Aussies, as well as four Polish airmen.

Even if not with their comrades, the graves are with others.

Except one.

Stroll along the River Ogmore in Bridgend, and across from Glanrhyd Hospital is a gated field, a pleasantly rural aspect, even if the M4 is audible from it, surrounded by trees.

A pleasant site, and in fact consecrated ground. It is a cemetery with one occupant with the uniform CWGC headstone.

Little is known, but much is speculated, about its lone occupant, Rifleman CW (Charles William) Murphy of the Monmouthshire Regiment.

A patient of Glanrhyd Hospital, he died on July 31, 1918 aged 37, never having seen active service.

A hero? No, but possibly still a casualty of war in some form, and possibly the holder of another unenviable record: the loneliest war grave.

And yet, each year, people vault over the gate to the cemetery and place a cross, or a poppy, on his grave.

He died alone, and he lies alone, but he is not forgotten and, hopefully, is at peace.

AJ

Councillors ask for more details after Maesteg school death

COUNCILLORS in Bridgend are calling for greater scrutiny over the health and safety of all new schools in Bridgend after a teenager died when he was hit by a school minibus.

Fifteen-year-old Ashley Talbot died in December 2014 following the incident in the grounds of Maesteg Comprehensive School.

Last week, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) was fined £300,000 following a prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The council had pleaded guilty to a health and safety breach.

The hearing at Cardiff Crown Court on Friday, November 2, was told that Ashley's death could have been avoided had safety measures been in place.

The court heard that concerns were raised before the new build school was opened in 2008 regarding risks to pedestrians from moving vehicles.

Speaking at a BCBC corporate overview and scrutiny committee meeting on Tuesday, November 6, Cllr Martyn Jones said there was an urgent need to scrutinise the local authority's health and safety responsibilities, not only to staff but to everyone in the county.

He said: "Recent events would dictate we have some urgency to this particular topic because the public are going to look to members for guidance and to this authority to ensure the necessary measures are in place.

"I suggest we advise the necessary directorate of our intention to scrutinise this, it would be good to have a report to give us a brief overview of what happened.

"This is not a witch hunt – we've had a coroner's inquest process and a crown court process – this is an opportunity now for local members to be reassured lessons really have been learned and we have a robust plan and strategy in place for the future delivery of health and safety.

"It is imperative the public see that this committee is taking this seriously and adopting an air of urgency here."

Cllr Norah Clarke said all new schools in the county needed to be looked at.

She said: "We're honing in on Maesteg School but there seems to be problems with other schools as well with regards to health and safety within the actual area of the school.

"I don't know what it is but we are just not getting the design of these schools right for something like that to happen in a new comprehensive school.

"I can't get my head around the fact there wasn't segregation [of vehicles and pedestrians]."

Cllr Jones said there was a need to look at policies and procedures as well as the number of near misses reported to the local authority and how it had responded.

The committee chairman, Cllr Cheryl Green, said the issue would be prioritised and a scrutiny meeting organised with representatives from schools among the invitees.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Museum to show 'unique' film

THIS year, The Imperial War Museums and Porthcawl Museum are working together to show the 1917 film *The Battle of the Ancre and Advance of the Tanks*.

There will be two showings on November 10 at 1.30pm and 2.45pm in the YMCA John Street.

The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of The Tanks is a little known masterpiece of British non-fiction cinema which documents the autumn and winter stages of the Somme campaign on the Western Front.

Including the first-ever scenes of tanks in battle, the film also conveys the difficulties experienced by the British Army as it fought on over ground beset in a sea of mud. Over 100 years later, this unique film from IWM's collection is being shown to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War.

David Swidenbank

Rotary warming up for the Christmas post

IT may be a little way off just yet but yes, Christmas is coming – and once again the Rotarian Posties are warming their thermals… because they are ready, willing and able to get delivering your Rotary-stamped Christmas cards in order to raise money for local and Rotary charities.

So, if you are writing your Christmas cards early – don't post them yet.

From November 12 to December 10, our Rotary 'Posties' will collect, sort and deliver Christmas post with specially designed Rotary Christmas stamps.

You will be able to buy Rotary Christmas stamps from participating local outlets and post your cards in special Rotary post boxes at the stores to addresses in the CF36 postal area - and still for only 25p.

Please remember that cards can only be posted at the stores, and can only be delivered to CF36 addresses.

The stamps can be bought and cards posted at the following stores: DH Edwards (TV), Well Street; Walters Shoes, John Street; Greetings at Maple, John Street (formerly Jane's); Stationery Hill, Station Hill; Lifestyle Express, New Road; Parc Stores, Cilparc; Nottage Stores, Nottage; The Potting Shed, Newton and General Stores, Rest Bay.

The club is very grateful for the goodwill of the stores, the continuing generosity of the public and also to the sponsorship offered by Walters Shoes and T Elwood Deere and Son.

Ivor Williams

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MP is presented with grandfather's long-lost medal

Corporal Ironside.

John receives the donation.

Mrs Moon receives the medal from Andrew Lee.

ON November 3, Porthcawl Museum hosted a most remarkable occasion.

Local MP Mrs Madeline Moon was presented with one of her grandfather's World War One medals by Mr Andrew Lee, a Royal Naval Falklands veteran who had travelled down from Barnard Castle, Tyne and Weir.

What was so remarkable was that Mrs Moon had all but given up hope of ever tracking down any of her grandfather's medals.

Corporal Albert Edward Ironside, attached to the 'O' Cable Section, Royal Engineers had been killed on July 22, 1917 while laying communication lines preceding the battle.

Albert, a farm labourer from Sunderland was married with one son, also called Albert Edward (Madeleine's father) had enlisted in the RE prior to the war.

On August 15 he landed in France with the BEF and throughout the next three years would have been assigned to laying signal communications in various parts of the Western Front.

In July 1917 his unit was assigned to laying cables in unsuitable terrain, fearing bombardment from German shelling, amid the heavy rainfall in the weeks leading up to Passchendaele.

Yet the Germans had changed tactics by July 1917.

They allowed the enemy to cover an increasing amount of ground in the hope that they would lose momentum.

Consequently, forward signal parties would often become involved in fighting. Such evidence suggests that Corporal Ironside may have, therefore, been entrapped and died fighting.

Corporal Albert Edward Ironside is buried in Dozinghem cemetery, north east of Ypres. Following his death, his widow married again and unfortunately, in time, Albert's medals got lost.

In 2014 as part of the Porthcawl Museum's research into local World War One soldiers, Mrs Moon visited the museum and related Albert's story as recounted in his pocket diary.

Ceri Joseph then wrote and uploaded the story onto the museum's World War One website: *porthcawlandthegreatwar.com*.

Three months ago, while trawling the internet Mr Andrew Lee came across the story and on recognising Albert's name and number contacted the museum. Andrew had some years before bought Albert's 1914-1915 Star medal, from an internet site.

Mrs Moon, on being told of this discovery, contacted Andrew.

Consequently, Andrew and his wife Brenda arrived at the museum with the medal.

It was Andrew's wish that Mrs Moon receive the medal, and that the cost of the medal be given as a donation to the museum.

This wonderful gesture, and the honour felt by Mrs Moon, was clearly appreciated by all those present.

Andrew later commented: "I would just like to say how proud this day has made me feel, to finally return the medal of Albert Edward Ironside to where it rightfully belongs."

Mrs Moon expressed her immense gratitude to Andrew, stating that through his kindness she will be able to wear the medal in honour of Albert at Porthcawl's World War One Remembrance Service on Saturday, November 10 at All Saints' Church; and at the Armistice Service the following day.

Porthcawl Museum trustee John Richardson who gratefully received the donation from Mrs Moon, expressed how proud the museum was in the part it had played in this memorable experience; and especially with it coinciding with the centenary of the end of the First World War.

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Pilgrimage of remembrance for two members of local Royal British Legion branch

MEMBERS of the Llantwit Major branch of The Royal British Legion (RBL) joined thousands of Armed Forces veterans and supporters from across the UK and worldwide in a pilgrimage of remembrance to some of World War One's most poignant sites.

Neil and Suzanne Foster attended the Great Pilgrimage 90 as representatives of Llantwit Major RBL, as a standard bearer and wreath layer respectively.

Between August 5 to 9, the RBL and a holiday tour firm teamed up to deliver a tribute to the veterans and war widows from the First World War who embarked upon the first Great Pilgrimage in 1928.

The idea behind it was for the fledgling Legion, which had been established by Sir Douglas Haig in 1921, to provide an experience that would allow them to visit the battlefield sites of the Western Front and to commemorate the achievements of the Hundred Day Offensive, which began on August 8 with the Battle of Amiens.

Just like the event from 1928, the the RBL and the holiday partner would provide two days of touring the sites of Ypres and the Somme before attending a ceremony in Ypres on August 8; to recreate the original pilgrimage from 1928 and to remember the hundredth anniversary of the Hundred Day Offensive.

A spectacular two-mile march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial, led by 1,100 standard bearers, was the culmination of the three day event which saw the 2,200 people visit the World War One trenches, battlefields and cemeteries of France and Belgium.

Maureen Geary Jones, secretary of the Llantwit Major branch said: "Being part of such a historic event, representing Llantwit Major in commemorating those who lost their lives in the First World War, was an honour and something they will never forget."

Bob Gamble, The Royal British Legion's Head of Commemorative Events, said: "GP90 was the Legion's biggest membership event in modern history and is a suitable tribute from the members of The Royal British Legion in honour of the First World War generation, echoing the way the British Legion community commemorated the 10th anniversary of the conflict in 1928."

For more information visit *www.britishlegion.org.uk* or to find out how to get involved with your local branch contact visit the new Llantwit Major RBL facebook group for more pictures and information of this event and others around south Wales.

Neil and Suzanne Foster in front of the wreaths after the parade.

Local groups come together to support 'Stand Up To Cancer'

TO a sell-out audience on the evening of October 21 in the Duke of Wellington's Ballroom, the Cowbridge Cancer Research UK shop and the Cowbridge Slimming World group came together and held a very successful 'Stand Up To Cancer Fashion Show'.

Thirteen volunteers from both the shop and Slimming World – all of whom had, by the way, never walked a catwalk – very proudly and elegantly show-cased our new autumn collection of life-saving clothes, along with a prize draw and a designer clothes rail sale.

We are very proud to announce that we have raised just over £1,200 to help us see three in four people in the UK survive their cancer by 2034.

The whole evening could not have been made such a success if it was not for the extreme generosity of all involved.

Special mention to Joan Marner whose organisational skills were exceptional and to Lorraine Berry (Slimming World consultant) who was inspirational – 'touching hearts, changing lives'. There are so many, many supporters to mention, so thank you to everyone who contributed to a fabulous evening.

Stand Up To Cancer is an annual fundraising campaign that brings the UK together to speed-up progress in life-saving cancer research.

Stand Up To Cancer funds research, which takes developments in the labs and accelerates them into new tests and treatments for cancer patients who need them right now.

You have until November 18 to bring in any SU2C fundraising money to the Cancer Research UK shop at 56, High Street, Cowbridge (CF71 7AH).

Samantha Griffiths

GET YOUR JINGLE ON

'GET Your Jingle On' at Celtic Way Community Hall, Rhoose on Saturday, December 8 from 1.45pm to 4.30 pm and enjoy a afternoon of what has been described as 'festive fun'.

There will be tea and coffee, and a selection of Christmas bakes and to round off the afternoon, the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band will play singalong Christmas carols. Admission by ticket only, on sale now at Rhoose Library.

Lantern workshop for children in Llantwit

LLANTWIT Major events group is hosting a lantern workshop on Sunday, November 18 for local children who can then take part in the lantern parade six days later.

Liz Evans of the events committee told The GEM: "The lantern parade is a wonderful community tradition in the town. It's lovely to see the children taking part. We are holding two workshop sessions at the rugby club in the town on November 18 – one at 2pm and another at 4pm.

"It's for school children aged up to 12 years old. It is £5 per child, but all the materials are provided. I'd advise the children come along in old clothes or with an apron because it can get quite messy."

The parade takes place on Saturday, November 24, and will leave the Precinct at 5.30pm to arrive at the town hall in time for the Christmas lights switch-on.

If parents or guardians want to book a place at the workshop they can go to Llantwit Major events group on Facebook; or email Liz Evans at lizabeth13@hotmail.co.uk.

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The Invictus Games: a personal view from silver medal winner Jeff Robinson

Jeff Robinson and teammates. Photo courtesy of Jeff Robinson.

AFTER a well-deserved break to recuperate from the rigours of a flight back from Oz, Llantwit Major's Jeff Robinson – a former RAF flight sergeant and two-time Invictus Games competitor – has had time to speak to The GEM after his team's hard-fought silver in wheelchair rugby.

'Inspiring' is an over-used word, but now and again, it fits.

This is one of those occasions.

Here, speaking exclusively to The GEM, Jeff gives an insight into his life, his motivation, and what the Invictus Games means to him.

THE Invictus Games have proved to be a major step in my recovery from life changing injuries.

During my 23 years' service, I had both knees rebuilt, smashed up my left shoulder and compressed my spine which required fusion surgery and left me in constant pain. I then had a motorcycle accident where I broke my neck and back, leaving me paralysed from the chest down.

Sport had always been a massive part of my life. I was RAF boxing champion, going on to box for Wales, represented the Combined Services in Athletics, and played rugby and football at RAF Station level.

Initially, I found life outside the Forces okay. I had spent my last 12 years' service working with the Army and eight of those were away on operational duties.

I was physically and mentally burnt out, and had missed the majority of my youngest son growing up.

Gradually though, I missed the camaraderie of the Forces and went into the private security sector, where I worked with a lot of ex-Forces personnel.

My motorcycle accident changed all that and I became very reclusive, until wheelchair rugby and the opportunity to trial for the 2017 Invictus Games came about. It gave me the opportunity to represent my country again, alongside real warriors who were fighting their own battles, both physically and mentally.

Many of whom are young men and women whose lives have been changed dramatically, but refuse to be conquered. The whole journey has been inspirational and given me the self-belief to return to work, to such an extent where I am now a director of a security consultancy company.

As for training for wheelchair rugby at the Games, I am fortunate enough to train and play for the Ospreys Wheelchair rugby team under the tutelage of Paul Jenkins, who is also the UK Invictus team coach. I was lucky enough to play in all the important games at last year's Games, but unfortunately I aggravated an existing shoulder injury in the build up to these games, which hampered my game time severely.

Nevertheless, there was a real team ethos in the squad, all pushing towards success, regardless of who was in the starting line up. For me, it was like serving again – knowing the lads had your back.

I would recommend to anyone who has had a life-changing injury or illness to reach out and find a club or organisation that can and will help with their recovery. For me, it was a chance meeting with a now very good friend of mine, Sam Lloyd, who was a firefighter until he broke his neck in a freak accident jumping into the sea, resulting in him breaking his neck and leaving him quadriplegic; which led me on the path to recovery.

It put everything into perspective when he told me that if he had the physical function I had, then he would go travelling the world.

How could I feel sorry for myself when he said that?

Without Help for Heroes, I believe the Invictus Games would not be possible. What I would add, though, is all the other work they do for ex-service men and women, including educational courses, work placements, clinical appointments and, of course, sporting activities. The work they do and these programmes cannot be underestimated in the recovery of wounded, injured or sick veterans or serving personnel and their loved ones.

I must say how much the help of my family and friends has been key to my ongoing recovery. I owe them all so much.

In addition, I would like to thank the Service charities, who all work tirelessly to achieve the same goal of supporting our service personnel and have been paramount in my personal recovery, including the Royal British Legion, the Royal Air Forces Association and Supporting Wounded Veterans.

Jeff Robinson

Jeff thanks his family, his friends, his teammates and Service charities for their assistance, and there is another organisation to mention.

Drive through Bridgend Industrial Estate, or if you kept an eye on the fast-moving members of Team UK in the Invictus Games, and you will see the name 'Roma' emblazoned on the back of the team's wheelchairs.

Roma's commercial director, Steve Hughes, tells readers about the company's involvement with all forms of wheelchair sport, not just rugby.

ROMA Medical is a privately owned Welsh company located in Bridgend. It is a market leader with regard to manufacturing and selling mobility and rehabilitation equipment.

During 2012, Roma introduced to the market a rugby wheelchair which was very well received and enabled the company to develop entry level/generic chairs through to high performance made to measure products. Roma developed the patented Contour Body Mapping system which allows an athlete to be fitted for their sports wheelchair through a state of the art measuring system.

This was the first product to be manufactured in Bridgend and since then, the sports wheelchair portfolio has grown considerably. The range also includes basketball, tennis, rugby league, table tennis, badminton, skate park and dance chairs. Roma has also developed a multi-sports chair that can be utilised through various sports for young budding athletes through schools.

Since its introduction, Roma has been proud to have manufactured chairs for all four Invictus Games, supplying a selection of chairs for rugby, basketball and tennis. The company is also affiliated with numerous partners including Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and The Tennis Foundation.

Roma continues to invest in the development of its sports programme through a series of innovation, R&D and the introduction of the latest technology to remain at the forefront of wheelchair sport.

Steve Hughes

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The dos and dont's of Drones Club

WITH the festive season fast approaching, hundreds of local people of all ages will be looking forward to receiving a drone this Christmas morning.

'Unmanned Aerial Vehicle' (UAV) technology; and with it, affordability, has progressed in leaps and bounds over the last few years making these 'drones' more accessible than ever before.

For us Air Traffic Control (ATC) personnel and our aircrew colleagues who fly in the local area, the accessibility and out-of-the-box flyability of drones poses an ever-increasing threat to aviation safety. You will have seen and read news stories about close encounters between aircraft (carrying between one and over 500 people) and drones, and it is accepted industry-wide that a collision with potentially catastrophic results is a matter of when, not if.

Hopefully if you are planning to buy a drone for a family member this Christmas or if you're looking forward to receiving one yourself, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has a healthy stock of publications for you to read to allow you to enjoy your drone safely and responsibly.

These materials can be found at *www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones/ and dronesafe.uk/*.

It's important to think about where and how you're flying your drone, especially in busy portions of airspace like the Vale. Flying a drone anywhere between Nash Point and Cardiff Bay, especially in the immediate vicinity of Cardiff and St Athan aerodromes, could pose a danger to aircraft and should be avoided where possible.

If you would still like to fly your drone in this area and have any questions or concerns about the safety of your flight then please call either Cardiff ATC (24 hours a day) on 01446 752094 or St Athan ATC (8am-5pm) on 01446 798889 beforehand.

The friendly staff will help you with your queries and take down some details about your proposed flight in order to enable controllers to keep manned aircraft safely informed about your drone.

Thank you, and safe flying.

Jamie Harburn, Air Traffic Controller, Serco ATC, MoD St Athan.

PSSTTA Christmas fair

PORTHCAWL St Sébastien Town Twinning Association (PSSTTA) will host a Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 17 from 1pm – 4pm at Trinity Church, John Street, Porthcawl.

This is a great opportunity to buy some early Christmas gifts and get into the festive spirit. Refreshments will be available and admission is free.

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Canine carer Hannah said: "Toffee is a sweet lad who just needs some time to get to know you. He will be ideal for people looking for a loyal companion."

If you would like to know more about Toffee, telephone 01656 725219 visit the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG, or search on www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Toffee and Hannah.

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People at risk of losing sight due to lack of regular health checks

Diabetes affects an estimated 4.6 million people in the UK[1], yet 40% of the British public are unaware that blindness is one of diabetes' biggest complications[2].

Specsavers is dedicated to raising awareness of good eye care in both detecting and managing the condition – especially as research from Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) shows one in five adults are unaware that opticians can check for indicators of the condition[3].

Dr Nigel Best, clinical spokesperson at Specsavers says: 'Diabetes is one of the fastest growing health conditions today – fuelled by record levels of obesity, excessive sugar consumption and sedentary lifestyles. If we continue to turn a blind eye to the risk of developing type 2 diabetes as a result, we can only expect to see the number of undiagnosed cases escalate.

'Diabetic retinopathy is one of the leading causes of blindness among people of working age in the UK[4] so it's hugely important that diabetes is detected early and monitored correctly to avoid furthering the risks.

'At Specsavers, we offer digital retinal photography. This takes a detailed picture of the back of your eye and the microcirculation of blood – helping to highlight indicators of diabetes that need addressing.

Eye screening is also a key part of your diabetes care and people with diabetes should have routine screenings done every one to two years by an optometrist. Contact your local GP or local diabetic screening service for more information.

Sophie Castell, Director of Relationships at RNIB, says: 'Sadly, all too often, people with diabetes can lose their sight due to complications. Yet with early detection and treatment, sight loss due to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented. Regular eye tests are important for everyone, but especially for people living with diabetes who should also ensure they attend appointments for specialist diabetic eye screening. It's a few minutes that could save your sight.'

[1] https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2017-11/diabetes_in_the_uk_2010.pdf

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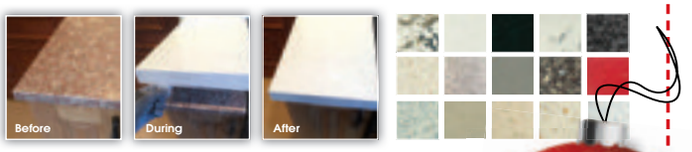

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Barry Rotary Club makes donation to local shop

From left: volunteers Mary Hodges, Gemma Ismail, Rotary Club secretary Ann Harrhy and president Jill Osborne, volunteers Violet Jenkins, Barbara Harris and co-ordinator Nona Hexter.

THE Rotary Club of Barry has donated a pair of microwaves to the Senior Health Shop on Holton Road in Barry.

The Senior Health Shop is part of Age Connects and aims to improve, said a spokesperson, "...the health and wellbeing for older people in the Vale by providing a place to meet with cafe facilities, serving food and drink at reasonable cost where people can meet, make new friends and reduce isolation".

The spokesperson continued, saying: "It is also a centre for information provided by staff and volunteers who are trained as 'dementia friends'."

Activities include a variety of exercise, craft and social classes, all of which are dementia friendly.

Nona Hexter, project co-ordinator for Age Connects said she was "delighted" that the Rotary Club had donated the two microwaves and that they would be "invaluable".

Anyone wanting further information should call in to the cafe or phone Barry 732385 where staff and volunteers will be happy to give further information.

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There will be a PACT meeting for **GIBBONSDOWN** residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, on Thursday, November 13.

Meet your local Officers at **PENARTH LEISURE CENTRE** at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

There will be coffee and chat at the **CARNE ARMS, LLYSWORNEY,** at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where there are contact details for your local PCSO and they can be contacted directly for non emergency matters.

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Proposal:/Cynnig:	Extensions/alterations including, entrance lobby/toilet to kitchen; dining room; removal of roof gables; removal of dormer windows to bedroom and replace with flat roof dormer.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Greystones, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth	Llanblethian

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2018/01187/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Part demolition of derelict barn and stables at Pwll Sarn Farm
Location:/Lleoliad:	Pwll Sarn Farm, A48, St. Nicholas
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth	St. Nicholas

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2018/01139/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	The conversion of a former mortuary to a dwelling house - seeking retrospective approval of details reserved by Conditions 3 and 5 listed building consent ref: 2017/00679/LBC
Location:/Lleoliad:	Woodlands Lodge, Hayes Road, Sully
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II*
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2018/01189/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Conversion of four listed single storey pitched roof barns into residential accommodation to be used for holiday letting purposes only
Location:/Lleoliad:	Church Farm Barns, Clemenstone, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

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Proposal:/Cynnig:	Construction of cesspool for the disposal of sewerage from Barry Yacht Club and adjoining former Lifeboat Station
Location:/Lleoliad:	Barry Yacht Club, The Pierhead, Barry Docks, Barry
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Lifeboat house and the Lifeboat house slipway adjacent to West Breakwater, both Grade II
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Proposal:/Cynnig:	Proposed indoor swimming pool and replacement garages
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Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Sunshine House, Southerndown, Grade II

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All that jazz (and a bit more besides)

Rachel Williams.

A SULLY woman, who starred in the musical *Cats*, is returning to south Wales with her own one-woman show.

Rachel Williams, who has performed on the London stage and in Paris and Hollywood, is appearing at the cabaret bar at Wales Millennium Centre on Saturday, November 24. The show is autobiographical and a mixture of jazz, musical comedy and Hollywood classics.

Rachel said: "It's a whistle-stop tour, from my first glimpse of the limelight in an Aberystwyth Chapel, through London ballet classes and stage school to principal dancer at the Moulin Rouge, via some LA Hollywood schmooze, to a long-running role in *Cats* on the West End."

For more information, contact Wales Millennium Centre on 02920 636464.

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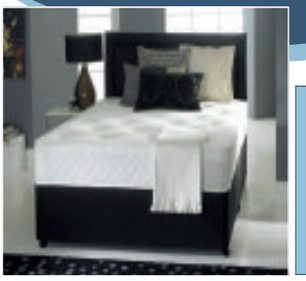

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Local councillor's charity vinyl release raises £6,460 for Ty Hafan

A BARRY councillor has helped to raise £6,460 for the local children's hospice Ty Hafan following the sell-out release of a charity compilation on vinyl.

Cllr Vincent Bailey runs a 'vaporwave' record label called 'My Pet Flamingo' with his brother Jerome Sabourin, and the release of their latest compilation (Flamingo Funk Volume 1) sold out in just minutes last month, raising a significant sum for two UK charities.

Cllr Bailey said he was "extremely proud" to have raised the sum and visited Ty Hafan with the good news this week.

He said: "The work they do with the children is remarkable, and you only have to visit them to know that every penny you raise is going to be hugely appreciated.

"It's hard to imagine ever having to face such a tough diagnosis for your child and the staff who work at Ty Hafan are literally angels. It was incredibly moving to speak to them and see first-hand what they do.

"We were particularly impressed with the facilities they have in the music therapy room – which is appropriate, given our involvement as a small record label."

The record sold out in minutes, with more than 1,000 copies selling on vinyl and several hundred more on cassette, CD and minidisc formats.

It is still available as a digital download via the My Pet Flamingo bandcamp website: mypetflamingo.bandcamp.com. All sales will continue to go to Ty Hafan and London charity 'Our Barn,' which supports children with special needs.

Cllr Vincent Bailey and Jerome Sabourin making the presentation to Ty Hafan support care manager James Hale (centre) this week.

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Rhod's charity China trek for Velindre

COMEDIAN Rhod Gilbert will be pulling on his trekking boots for the fifth time as he treks along the Great Wall of China.

Having conquered the 19,340ft of Mount Kilimanjaro, trekked to the top of Craig Goch to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Welsh people arriving in Patagonia, led a trek through Peru to the lost, but then found, Inca city of Machu Picchu in 2018, he is due to trek through the Helambu region in Nepal next February 2019.

The trek will once again raise funds for Wales' premier Cancer Centre, Velindre, where Rhod is a patron.

As Rhod has no plans to lead any treks in space, join him on this epic challenge.

Minimum sponsorship for this trip is £4,000, and a non-refundable booking deposit of £200 will secure your place.

Further information can be found at: www.velindrefundraising.com/events/great-wall-of-china-trek-08-may-2020; or email: info@velindrefundraising.com.

Farmers are warned over targeted fraud

THIS December, Tarian the Regional Organised Crime Unit for southern Wales is expecting an influx of calls and emails to the farming community, attempting to trick them out of their money.

Following similar annual patterns when farmers receive their funding from the Basic Payment Scheme, the police anticipate they will be targeted by the same attempts to fraudulently part with their cash.

Criminals have been known to pose as banks, as well as authorities such as the police, to attempt to extort money though illegitimate means. They will either contact the victims via telephone, email or in person and request that money be moved to 'safer' locations, due to bogus security issues.

They will create a sense of urgency and may even know minor details about the victims to convince them they are genuine.

If you or anyone know is affected by fraud and cybercrime, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report the matter as soon as possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brewery Field hosts charity match

A SPECIAL anniversary charity match, marking 40 years since Bridgend RFC played the All Blacks, takes place on Friday, November 9 at Morganstone Brewery Field (kick off 7.30pm).

A 'Gareth Williams Select 15' will play a 'Home Nations Deaf Rugby 15'.

Admission is £5 and all proceeds go to the MSA Trust, which supports people suffering from multiple system atrophy.

Dinas Powys Players

THE Dinas Powys Players will present *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on November 15, 16 and 17.

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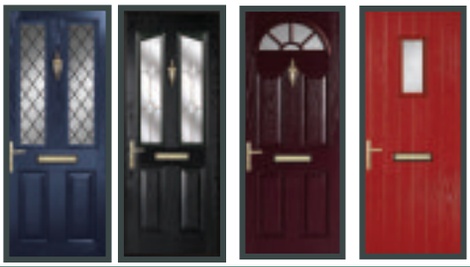

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Out & About with The GEM

Juliet, Naked is a charming little comedy...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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NICK HORNBY'S move from the page to the screen has been pretty successful, both in terms of his books being made for film (*High Fidelity* and *About A Boy* in particular) and also his script work on *An Education*, *Wild* and *Brooklyn*.

His book *Juliet, Naked* is the latest to reach the big screen, under the auspices of *Girls* director Jesse Perez, which tells the story of Annie (Rose Byrne), whose relationship with boyfriend Duncan (Chris O'Dowd) is feeling jaded.

When Annie comes across an old demo tape of now-faded singer-songwriter Tucker Crowe (Ethan Hawke), Duncan's musical hero, her pithy online review draws the attentions of the reclusive Crowe and the pair strike up an unlikely relationship...

A Venn diagram of Nick Hornby subject matter would be dominated by affairs of the heart and music, so *Juliet, Naked* is very much Hornby's happy space, but the question is, how does the book work when transposed to the big screen?

The answer is reasonably well; a film that has a charming and inoffensive presence about it that focuses on the hopes we leave behind to forge ahead with our lives, and whether these hopes can be salvaged when things go awry.

It has a cast that is both top-drawer yet also hugely likeable, and it comes across in the performances. Rose Byrne is vastly underrated as a performer, and here she's brilliant as a woman whose body clock and ambitions are waking up 15 years too late.

It's a straighter performance than you might expect, but it's one that is spot-on, wonderfully nailing the ennui of her character.

Chris O'Dowd is equally good, his love of Tucker Crowe and the mystique that surrounds him making himself closed off to Annie and her feelings, and O'Dowd plays the slightly pompous and unaware Duncan with a pleasing tone.

Ethan Hawke's credentials speak for themselves, but as the man behind the myth, he's awkwardly charming and likeable. Collecting ex-partners and children like gold discs, he's a man who has turned his back on fame to live his life, but whose past is constantly echoing around him.

It's a turn delivered laconically, but Crowe's reasons for turning his back on his music career, and the constant audio references to his seminal album *Juliet*, hint at darker issues that Hawke conveys with subtlety.

Among the writers who have developed Hornby's prose for the big screen here is Jim Taylor, whose work has most notably been with Alexander Payne – the likes of *Sideways* and *Election* – and you can see something of a join with those works in the way the story draws laughs from true-to-life scenarios, finding the humour and the pathos in the lives of relatable people.

Director Jesse Peretz' CV is littered with top-quality TV (*Girls, Divorce*) and slightly-less-auspicious films (*The Ex*), but his direction here veers more towards the former than the latter.

This isn't a story that requires much in the way of visual flair, but Peretz' direction has a warm and gentle glow about it, dovetailing the tone of the story and making it low-key but gently impressive.

In fact, its low-key nature is one of the flaws of the film; as the story develops you never feel it pick up the pace, and as things develop for the characters there is no dramatic push and pull.

Instead, it just flows into one (which leads to an ending that feels quite abrupt, especially given how much we are asked to latch on to these characters), which takes a little of the shine off proceedings.

However, *Juliet, Naked* is a satisfying film, one that unspools gently but connects enough to make it a subtle and pleasing film. It's perhaps a little too soft to really resonate any longer than it has to, but while in its company, you'll enjoy it.

VERDICT: Nick Hornby's latest book to hit the big screen, *Juliet, Naked* is a thoroughly charming comedy that may lack bite, but not to its detriment. Enjoyable performances and an engaging plot offer up plenty to savour, even if it ends up feeling a little too one-note. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *High Fidelity* (2000), *You've Got Mail* (1998).

Lunchtime concerts at All Saints

MAKING a return visit to All Saints' Church for the next of its free lunchtime concerts on Monday, November 12 is mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Sillo.

Elizabeth also brings along with her accompanist Dorothy Singh and violinist Davinder Singh.

The concert will also include a short introduction by Alun Davies, the Honorary Hungarian Consul of Wales.

The Music at Lunchtime weekly concerts are free entry, with an option to donate. Donations are shared between the church and a charity of the performer's choice. Elizabeth has chosen Tŷ Hafan and the Kodaly Violin School.

The concerts commence at 1pm and last around an hour, with doors open for refreshments in the gallery from 12.30pm.

For more information, see www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk, call Dafydd G Jones on 02920 70 31 70 or email admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

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What's on and where in your area

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for the Gibbonsdown and Court Wards will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, November 10 at Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Barry from 10am until 11am. No appointment necessary.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, November 11 at 2pm a circular coastal path walk will take place; meet in the car park on the seafront at Gileston.

On Monday, November 12 at 11am Somerset Views: meet at the railway station car park at Rhoose.

On Wednesday, November 14 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at 10.30am at Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap in Barry.

On the same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet at the Physic Garden fountain.

On Friday, November 16 at 10am a City circular walk takes place; meet at The Barley Mow in Graig Penllyn, The Rhiw (CF71 1RT).

Art Society

ON Thursday, November 8, there will be an assisted workshop at Cowbridge Art Society, run by maritime painter David Phillips.

On Thursday, November 15 the society's winter exhibition opens in the Old Hall. A number of awards will be made to the winners of different categories of artwork by curator and art lecturer Heather Parnell.

The society welcomes artists of any level and non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm-9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For further information, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, November 9 from 4pm-5pm at St Athan Old School Hall, Church Lane.

Ms Hutt will be accompanied by a benefits advisor who can provide details of support that is available for anyone with queries about Universal Credit.

Church bazaar

BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 10 between 1pm and 4pm. Lots of stalls and a raffle, £1 entry includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit.

We are situated between Poundstretchers and the medical centre in the temporary office on the waterfront. Funds go towards the building fund for the new community centre.

Books, bakes and bric-a-brac

ON Saturday, November 10 from 10.30am to 12.30pm a sale will be held: cakes, a large variety of pre-loved books, lots of lovely bric-a-brac and a raffle with an array of prizes – stock up for Christmas!

Come join us for a cuppa and a mince pie, car parking available. All proceeds go towards keeping our community library going and growing...

Last Post in Barry

BARRY War Museum say that a bugler will sound *Last Post* at 2 pm on Remembrance Sunday in Barry.

The Deputy Mayor and husband will be representing the Vale Council and they are hoping the weather will be kind to allow Gareth to be able to proceed with his sand drawing of a World War 1 soldier in front of the eastern shelter.

Armistice Day in Penarth

AN Armistice Day parade takes place in Penarth on Remembrance Sunday, November 11.

The parade will leave Station Approach at 9.45am and proceed via Rectory Road to the Garden of Remembrance at the corner of Alexandra Park.

After the wreath laying ceremony, the parade moves on St Augustine's Church for the service which starts at 10.30am.

After the service, the parade will reform and proceed via Albert Crescent, Albert Road and Windsor Road to the Ex-Servicemen's Club where the parade will terminate for refreshments. Penarth Yacht Club will hold a short service at 10.30am to remember those members who lost their lives.

Remembrance at Lavernock

THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock will host a meditative Remembrance service at 3pm on Sunday, November 11.

There will be appropriate hymns, Bible readings and poetry and a short reflection by Rev Margaret Stark; poppies and candles will add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

There is free parking to the left of Fort Road as one approaches the church. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service; any enquiries to 02920 701303.

Barry Floral Society

BARRY Floral Society are preparing for Christmas at the St Nicholas community hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. On Tuesday, November 13 members will enjoy a demonstration by Mrs Pat Llewlyn of Ammanford entitled 'Christmas Moments with Flowers'.

On November 20 members will be busy with glitter, ribbons, candles, baubles and holly. Both meetings commence at 2.15pm.

On Tuesday, November 27 the club's annual Christmas coffee morning/exhibition will take place from 10.30am to 12pm. This year a donation will be made to the club's chosen charity Ty Robin Goch, Barry.

Penarth Computer club

PENARTH Computer Club will meet at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on November 13.

The topic this month is 'Exploring the uses and misuses of PowerPoint', illustrated with some historical trivia. Visitors welcome.

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.

PACT for Gibbonsdown residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise on Thursday, November 13.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Leisure Centre at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

Coffee and chat at the Carne Arms, Llysworney at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

Floral arrangement

PORTHCAWL Floral Arrangement Society will hold an open evening on Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm at The Stage Door, The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

There will be a flower demonstration by Katherine Kear of NAFAS, entitled 'Myths, Mince and Merriment.' Tickets £12, with coffee and mince pies with donations to local charities; all welcome.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'RNLI – Saving Lives at Sea and Along the Shore' by John Humphreys at 2pm on Wednesday, November 14 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome for a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

PACT meetings

YNYSAWDRE PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, November 15 at 6pm.

Llangeinor PACT at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor on Wednesday, November 21 at 5.30pm.

Blackmill PACT at Blackmill Community Centre on Monday, November 19 at 6.30pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, November 8 at 2pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, December 3 at 7pm.

Tabernacle Bridgend concert

TABERNACLE Choir Bridgend is looking forward to helping you get in the Christmas mood with a Christmas celebration concert at Tabernacle Church, Bridgend on November 30 at 7pm.

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See next week's GEM - and visit our website, glamorgan-gem.co.uk - for full coverage from remembrance ceremonies from across the Vale and Bridgend.

Special ceremony will honour Penarth's Victoria Cross soldiers

by Dr Jonathan Hicks

ON Friday, November 9 at 11am, a special ceremony will take place in the Garden of Remembrance, Rectory Road in Penarth.

Two memorial stones (kindly donated by the UK National Government) honouring Captain Richard Wain and Serjeant Samuel Pearse will be unveiled as part of the town's commemoration of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice in November 1918.

Each man won a posthumous Victoria Cross during the Great War of 1914-1919.

Relations of the two soldiers are travelling from as far afield as Scotland and Bournemouth to pay their respects. There will also be members of each man's regiment and a representative of the Australian Government present.

Following the ceremony, a special one-day exhibition on Penarth's role in the Great War will be staged at the Paget Rooms in Penarth. This event starts immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony and closes at 4 pm on Friday, November 9. There is no charge for entry and it is open to all.

Exhibitors at the exhibition will include Dr Jonathan Hicks who will be telling the stories of the two VC heroes, the Western Front Association, re-enactors from the Great War Society in period uniforms and kit, and Penarth Wargames Club who will be re-enacting battles of the Great War in miniature.

St Augustine's Church will be displaying the results of their research into the men listed on their church war memorial and other local historians will also be showing visitors their research. St Cyres School choir will be singing period songs and there will be a special showing of Peter Jackson's new colourised film *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the stories of these two gallant men.

Richard William Leslie Wain was born at 4 Victoria Square in Penarth on December 5, 1896. His father was a solicitor who worked at Bank Buildings in St Mary Street in Cardiff. His elder sister, Elsie Madeline, was born in January 1896. His grandfather, also named Richard Wain, was a hotelier first in Brynmawr, and later in Penarth.

Richard lived with his parents, grandparents and three servants at The Knoll on Cog Road in Sully from about 1901 to around 1906. His father, Harris Wain, was a manager at Sully National School when Glamorgan Council took over the school in 1905.

After attending the Llandaff Cathedral School Richard was sent to St Bees, a prestigious independent school in Cumberland, and was educated there from 1911 to 1914.

He passed the Higher Certificate, Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, joined the Officer Training Corps, and was the holder of a house scholarship. Intending to go to Oxford University, his plans were halted by the events of the summer of 1914.

He joined the 7th (Reserve) Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, a cyclist battalion which never saw active service. Richard transferred to the 16th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, with whom he underwent basic training.

He was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment on July 3, 1915 and joined the 17th Battalion on July 16, 1915 at Belton Park, Grantham. After completing their training at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain the battalion was posted to France in November. Richard joined them some time afterwards as a second lieutenant.

Lt Richard Wain.

The next few months were spent on guard duties, forming working parties taking supplies up to the front line and repairing trenches and barbed wire. At the end of June they moved to the Somme area in preparation for the great attack.

On the evening of June 30, 1916 the battalion moved into the assembly trenches north-east of Maricourt and at 8.30am the following morning, Richard and A Company advanced towards the German lines.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth Callan-Macardle (killed on July 10) wrote later: *'The ground was so rough and broken with shell holes that when I lay down under our barrage, I found myself ahead of the first line – I had four men left.*

"The 17th had advanced too quickly. We had done it all at the slowest walk and been quite unchecked – so we lay down for 40 minutes, under the shells, waiting. Waiting is hard. We were to rush the village at 9:56. 'The time came. I was watching A Company to see them rise and the seconds ticked on. I hailed a serjeant and asked him, shouting in his ear, where his officers were. "All gone, Sir!" he shouted back.

I caught a glimpse of young Wain, his face haggard with pain, one leg soaked with blood, smoking a cigarette and pushing himself forward with a stick. His voice was full of sobs and tears of pain and rage. "Get up you bastards. Blast your souls – get up". I waved to him and he smiled and dropped – he knew it was not absolutely up to him any longer.

We of B Company took over, for he was the last of A Company's officers and their serjeant major was also killed.

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Amazingly the paddle steamer Barry steamed to the Mediterranean and was at Gallipoli taking part in the landing of troops at Suvla Bay, and later carrying troops, stores, guns and ammunitions in the Gulf of Salonika where the ship was often under attack.

The Barry was renamed Waverley and was bombed, and sunk, in the North Sea in the Second World War. Her wreck was discovered recently and the ship's wheel and other items are now on display in Barry Library and Council Offices at King Square.

Some pleasure steamers from the Clyde even steamed all the way to Russia.

A total of 13 paddle steamers from the famous White Funnel Fleet of P & A Campbell, served in the war and two of the steamers were sunk on active service in 1915. Four Campbell paddle steamers: *Britannia, Ravenswood, Glen Usk* and *Glen Gower*, which will be remembered by many older Barry residents, also served in the Second World War.

The books are available from the Silver Star Decorating and Home Improvement store, opposite the Dock Offices clock on Barry Docks.

Victoria Cross soldiers are set to be honoured

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Richard was by now unable to walk and was evacuated back to the Regimental Aid Post and then via a field ambulance to a casualty clearing station. The wound to his leg was so serious that he was evacuated back to Britain, where he spent time recovering from his injuries.

After making a full recovery, he was transferred to the heavy branch of the Machine Gun Corps on January 2, 1917 and was posted to A Battalion in France where he underwent training in the new weapon: the tank.

In April he spent 10 days' leave in Paris and on returning joined his unit in Belgium where preparations were underway for the great battle of Messines. By now promoted to the rank of lieutenant, on June 7 he led his crew on the first day of the attack across marshy ground – totally unsuitable for tanks.

A piece of shell from a British artillery barrage struck his tank and wounded one of the crew. Eventually his tank became stuck in No Man's Land and the following night the tanks were withdrawn.

On August 22 he was promoted to the rank of captain and was wounded again two days later. He led his tank section during the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele), but again the ground conditions were unsuitable for tank deployment.

Aged just 20, Richard Wain won his Victoria Cross later that same year.

At dawn on November 20, 1917, his tank moved forward from its concealed position around the village of Gouzeaucourt, using low gears to reduce the noise. This was the first day of the Battle of Cambrai when 378 tanks took part in an attempt to break through the German line between Trescault and Gonnelieu.

The German troops were terrified by the approach of these lumbering machines emerging out of the early morning mist but there were pockets of resistance.

Richard was in the leading tank of his section of No 1 Company. He was in charge of A Battalion, Section 1, consisting of tanks A1, A2 and A3. He was on board A2 'Abou-Ben-Adam II', commanded by Lieutenant Christopher William Duncan. His orders were to proceed in the direction of Good Old Man Farm towards Marcoing and assist the infantry in their advance.

They crossed the German line, the Hindenburg Line, and cleared the enemy defenders as they went. The infantry were then held up by a strongpoint consisting of a machine gun post with a trench mortar in the Hindenburg Support Line and called for assistance from the tanks.

One by one, Richard's tank section was knocked out by fire from a trench mortar battery. His own tank was hit five times before it was stopped. A2 was knocked out on the ridge between Villers-Plouich and Marcoing, near Good Old Man Farm.

His crew were by now all dead or wounded. Richard himself was badly wounded but jumped out of the tank, accompanied by another member of the crew.

One of the crew, Private Joseph Mossman, described what happened next: *Captain Wain and Stower made a dash for the trench which was nearer their door. Roberts and I left by the opposite door and were fired on by a German rifleman at point blank range. Fortunately he was a poor shot and we made the trench.*

Our only weapons were revolvers carried by Captain Wain, Roberts and myself. Captain Wain got on the parados (the back of the trench) and threw German 'tater-masher' bombs into the long grass.

He then picked up a Lewis machine gun and advanced towards the strongpoint, firing as he went. Capturing the German strongpoint, he took several prisoners and destroyed four trench mortars and two machine guns. He refused medical attention.'

Rifleman Walter Wilkinson wrote later: '*I chanced to look back at the disabled tank. As I did so, Captain Wain, with his tunic torn away at the front, his chest covered in blood, and in a pretty bad way, jumped into the trench by my side and shouted, "Give me a bloody rifle!" That's all he said. I saw him snatch a rifle, put it to his shoulder, fire two rounds, and was himself shot dead in the head. He dropped, a lifeless corpse, by my side.'*

Richard Wain was taken unconscious to a dressing station where he died.

His Victoria Cross was announced in The London Gazette on February 13, 1918: '*For most conspicuous bravery in command of a section of Tanks.*

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The incredible story of men's bravery

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During an attack the Tank in which he was, was disabled by a direct hit near an enemy strong point which was holding up the attack. Captain Wain and one man, both seriously wounded, were the only survivors.

Though bleeding profusely from his wounds, he refused the attention of stretcher-bearers, rushed from behind the Tank with a Lewis gun, and captured the strongpoint, taking about half the garrison prisoners. Although his wounds were very serious he picked up a rifle and continued to fire at the retiring enemy until he received a fatal wound in the head. It was due to the valour displayed by Captain Wain that the infantry were able to advance.'

He was buried about 200 yards south-east of his tank besides the Villers-Plouich-Marcoing Road but the grave was later lost and he is now commemorated on the Louverval Memorial, as are Lieutenant Duncan and Private John Alfred Browning, the other dead members of the crew. Richard's Victoria Cross was only the second to be won by a soldier serving with the Tank Corps and the only one awarded to the Tank Corps at Cambrai.

Sergeant Samuel George Pearse was born at 47, Arcot Street in Penarth on July 16, 1897. He was the eldest of six children. His father George had served in the Grenadier Guards before losing an eye in a shooting accident.

George trained as a stonemason before working as a cement burner at the South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Company, situated between Penarth and Lavernock. Samuel attended the National School in Penarth before working on a large neighbouring estate. By now the family was living at 10 Salop Place and later at 60 Salop Street.

During this period he saved the life of a four-year-old boy who was in danger of being run down by a bolting horse and carriage.

In 1911, George Pearse, Samuel and his younger brother Robert emigrated to Mildura, Victoria in Australia. The following year, Sarah Pearse and the rest of the children joined them. Here Samuel worked as a grape picker, sheep shearer, rabbit trapper and shot foxes. He also worked on a dairy farm.

One day Samuel saved the life of a small child who had fallen into an underground water tank. He dived in and brought her to the surface and she suffered no ill effects. On another occasion he saved a girl from being gored by a bull.

By 1915, Samuel was working on a river boat, baiting lines and mending nets. He was also serving in the local militia, the 73rd Infantry Company of the Legion of Frontiersmen.

In July 1915, two weeks after his 18th birthday, Samuel joined the 7th Battalion of the Australian Army. He embarked from Melbourne on September 10 and spent two months in Egypt.

He arrived at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, on December 6 where he served until just before

Sgt Samuel Pearse.

Christmas Day when the battalion was evacuated to Lemnos.

On March 31, 1916 the battalion arrived at Marseilles and travelled north to the area of the Somme, entering the line at Fleurbaix on May 3. Preparations were now underway for the great Somme offensive, which began on July 1.

Samuel saw his first major action on the Somme during the battle for Mouquet Farm later that month. In August he was transferred to the 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company and was wounded on his very first day of service when he was concussed as the result of a near miss by a German high explosive shell. The wound, however, was not serious and he was back in action four days later. In November he was again admitted to hospital.

In January 1917 he was charged with going absent without leave for a third time and forfeited 21 days' pay.

The Third Battle of Ypres, more commonly known as the Battle of Passchendaele, began on July 31, 1917. Samuel's company took part in one of its constituent battles – the Battle of the Menin Road – on September 18. That night a flickering light was observed across No Man's Land and, taking a pistol and a bag of bombs, Samuel set off to investigate.

As he drew nearer he saw a German machine-gun post so he crawled closer and threw two Mills bombs over the parapet into the German position, killing or wounding the machine-gun crew; the remainder he drove off with his pistol. Later in the same battle he acted as a runner, carrying messages under heavy fire, and brought wounded men in from the battlefield. For these actions he was awarded the Military Medal.

His citation in the London Gazette on December 12 1917 read: '*For courage and resource on outpost duty, and services as a runner during fighting east of Ypres.*'

Samuel spent six weeks in hospital during 1917, suffering from severe bronchial catarrh. In November he was promoted to lance corporal and subsequently to corporal in April 1918.

In January 1918, while on leave at Harrowby Recreational Camp near Grantham in Lincolnshire, he met Kitty Knox and they became engaged in early May. Just a few days later he took part in the attack on Ville-sur-Ancre, where he suffered a foot wound. He was evacuated to Edmonton Military Hospital and was on sick leave until the end of June.

He again went absent without leave in August 1918 and was reduced to the ranks after a court martial. In January 1919 he was hospitalised once more with bronchial catarrh and had the middle toe on his right foot amputated. He applied for discharge from the Australian Army on May 23, 1919 and immediately applied to join the Royal Fusiliers in order to serve in the north Russia campaign.

Samuel and Kitty were married on June 1, 1919 at Houghton-le-Spring in County Durham.

He joined the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who were then ordered to Russia. The North Russian Relief Force had been formed to protect allied supplies which were being sent to the White Russian forces then engaged in a struggle against the Russian Revolutionaries of the Red Army. Given his experience, Samuel was soon promoted to the rank of serjeant.

On August 29, 1919 north of Emtsa, a village on the Archangel to Vologda railway line, his actions resulted in the award of the Victoria Cross.

The citation for his Victoria Cross in the London Gazette on October 21, 1919 stated: '*For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice during the operation against the enemy battery position north of Emtsa (North Russia) on the 29th August 1919.*

Serjeant Pearse cut his way through enemy barbed wire under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and cleared a way for the troops to enter the battery position. Seeing that a blockhouse was harassing our advance and causing us casualties, he charged the blockhouse single-handed, killing the occupants with bombs.

This gallant non-commissioned officer met his death a minute later, and it was due to him that the position was carried with so few casualties. His magnificent bravery and utter disregard for personal danger won for him the admiration of all troops.'

Samuel Pearse was 22 years of age. His daughter, named Victoria Catherine after his gallantry award, was born in February 1920. Samuel was buried in the Obozerskaya Burial Ground. He is also commemorated on a special memorial in Archangel Allied Cemetery.

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Dinas Powys will remember the fallen on Armistice Day

SUNDAY, November 11, 2018, marks the centenary of Armistice Day and to mark the end of the First World War, Dinas Powys is hosting a series of events which will culminate in a Remembrance concert on Saturday, December 1.

The concert will feature Monmouth Male Voice Choir and takes place at St Peter's Church at 7pm.

The local community council has sponsored a 'Silent Soldier', which has been placed next to the war memorial on the Twyn at the village square.

An exhibition commemorating residents who died during the First World War will be on display in the window of 'Head to Head' in the centre of the village.

Because of the significance of this centenary year, the timings and format of the annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 11, have been changed.

The service will start at 10am at St Peter's Church in Mill Road and at 10.30am, everyone will proceed to the war memorial on the Twyn ready for 10.45am.

Bethesda Chapel are guests of Ebenezer Chapel, Highwalls Road. The service starts at 9.45am and will finish at 10.30am.

The reading of the names of those who died will take place at 10.45am, to be followed by the two-minute silence, a short service and the laying of wreaths.

Those who wish to attend only the wreath laying ceremony are asked to assemble on the Twyn by 10.45am at the latest.

After the service, everyone is welcome at Lee Hall in Britway Road for light refreshments, hosted by Dinas Powys Baptist Church. **CF**

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Education part 3 1892 – 1914 The Catholic saga: necessary or not? Barry history by Laurie Owen

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen continues his series on the time (approx 1880 to 1905) when Barry rapidly expanded from a small village to a large town – driven by the opening of Barry Docks.

IN 1886, a young Irish doctor arrived in Cadoxton primarily as a GP, but due to his energy and drive, he would be instrumental in the dramatic changes about to happen.

Peter Joseph O'Donnell 1856-1937 LRCSI (Dublin), served on the first Local Board in 1888 and was chairman of the School Board for 10 years. With the assistance of Father Hyland, Mass was celebrated in 1887 at the doctor's home 'Ardmoyle' on Barry Road and with many Catholics in the area, a school was next on the agenda.

In May 1892, St Helen's Roman Catholic School-Chapel opened on Court Road, with headmistress Mrs Catherine Higgins and 114 children already enrolled.

Built on undisturbed farmland near the police station for £2,000, teachers, books and stationery were financed by the Catholic Authorities and parents helped with maintenance.

In July of that year, Monsignor William Williams of Cardiff made an impassioned plea for his school to be 'recognised' as a public elementary school and thus be eligible for the 17s 6d per pupil grant from the Education Department.

The Local Board had objected to the school being built and were now almost united against such approval, deeming this extra school "unnecessary". As a lone supportive voice on the committee, Dr O'Donnell asserted that religion was the biggest opposition factor, but this was vehemently denied. There were legitimate financial concerns, because every child who attended the Catholic School would mean a loss of 17s 6d to the Board Schools at Cadoxton, East Barry and Holton.

The Monsignor tried repeatedly without success but then after four years, amid 'vigorous protest' by the School Board, the Education Department declared that the school was a "not unnecessary school" and would receive grants in line with all other schools.

Just two years later, with accommodation for 246 children and 361 on the register with an average attendance of 296, permission was given to extend the site to take an additional 56 mixed pupils and 54 infants.

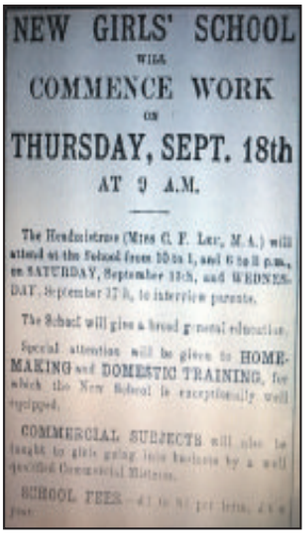
At that time, total school accommodation was for 4,990 pupils with 5,377 on the register and average attendance of 86.3 per cent.

The Education Act of 1902 abolished School Boards and brought all elementary schools under the Local Education Authority of the County Council. It also now provided funds for religious instruction, allowing St Helen's further financial assistance and while the Church of England approved, it was opposed by Nonconformists and the Liberal Party.

Managers of St Helen's School, now rightfully in celebratory mood, soon realised that passing a law was not the same as enforcing a law. Throughout the land there was much resistance to these new rules and Barry Education Authority dragged their heels on every occasion.

WJ Williams caused quite a 'spat' with Dr O'Donnell and Mr McCann, as he resented paying Catholic teachers when they had not appointed them. Following many meetings over several years, the situation escalated to the point where St Helen's secured a barrister to fight their case. Teachers had been submitting their resignations because of unpaid salaries, so an inquiry was held in June 1905.

The following year, the Board of Education instructed Barry UDC to pay salaries, much to the indignation of some councillors.



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When the Welsh Intermediate Education Bill became law in 1889, local men such as JC Meggitt, John Lowdon and others could finally satisfy their desire for sons of working men to have opportunities equal to the sons of the rich. County Councils were now able to plan for such schools to be financed out of local rates, Treasury grants and fees from parents. They would later become Grammar Schools and were the first to receive funds from the public purse.

In March 1891, a committee sought funds to erect a new school, with Glamorgan CC agreeing to donate £2,000, then a further £300, John Cory JP offering an immediate £125 topped up by private donations of £608. A year later they purchased two acres of land for £600 and then Henry John Money of 1, Park Crescent was awarded the contract in 1894 to build the school for £2,670.

The Barry Intermediate School opened in October 1896 on a former football and cricket site at the top of Buttrills Hill, with the aim of supplying higher education, initially to 60 boys and 40 girls in separate classes.

Headmaster Henry Richard Norris MA BSc (London), LLM BA (Cambridge) was chosen out of 80 applicants and had vast experience and credentials, including 1st Class and Double Honours.

The building consisted of a large assembly hall, separate classrooms for both sexes, a chemistry laboratory, art studio, large cookery kitchen, scullery, laundry, ironing stoves and drying horses.

Rooms were heated by slow combustion stoves and pupils were prepared for university with a curriculum of basic subjects plus Latin, French, maths, algebra, Euclid, book-keeping, shorthand, cookery, physics, chemistry, mechanics and practical education in all trades.

It was recorded that 38 boys and 50 girls sat the first entrance exam.

Edward Davies JP of Llandinam, endowed the school with £1,000, in memory of his father David, the main promoter of the docks in 1884. The interest would finance scholarships for 18 boys and 12 girls, all children of railway company employees, who had attended a Board school for three years, were under 14 and living in a wide area of the Vale. The Governors also had powers to make grants available to some poorer families, including Catholic children.

The 1st annual Speech Day was held in December 1897 at the Romilly Hall, Broad Street, where the headmaster stressed the importance of learning social skills and to this end they now had mixed classes.

Sport also featured, with the boys remaining unbeaten at football but less successful at cricket. Girls were playing hockey and hoping to take up baseball very soon. The time had now come when girls should be given the same opportunities as boys.

Initially with accommodation for 100 students and an average attendance of 126, work was in progress to extend the buildings to take up to 180. Scholarships had been awarded to 26 students with 21 being renewed for a second year. School fees were a £1 per term and the County Council grant was £500pa and even when this was increased to £900pa in 1901, income continued to be a problem.

Before moving on, just a short nostalgic visit to the 1958 copy of the 'Barrian', first printed in April 1900. The editorial committee was led by Gwyn 'Killer' Thomas BA and Brynmor 'Boris' Ashton BA, two masters who introduced us to the wonders of 'Don Quijote and Windmills' and 'Virgil's Aeneid'.

The rest of the team were 'members of sixth form' and this copy had 44 pages, taking us to Australia and the eastern Med with 'Maroulis', plus dramas, poems, music and even 'The Crisis of Man' by Malcolm Luxton.

The first paragraph of the editorial carried me back 60 years to 'Killer' Thomas, musing on the approach of spring and summer: "Even the younger desks within thirty yards of the boiler room have been seen to bud…"

"This was seconded by a skiffle chant of propitiation led by Brian Pitman on washboard and vocally belting out the beat, Kenneth Doble on his double bass, Neil Holmes on his motor bike and Alan Morgan on the skull fragments of the ichthyosaurus, which he dug up near Llantwit".

Barry School Board first suggested a joint enterprise with Cardiff, to erect a Truant School at Dinas Powis in 1891, but eight years passed before it came to fruition.

It was built by ER Evans & Bros of Cardiff near the railway station, on an elevated eight acre site purchased from General Lee for £1,750. The total cost of £14,000 included buildings, roads, eight feet high boundary wall and the handsome lodge at the entrance.

With all the latest fittings and appliances, security was obviously a necessity and windows would only open six inches, to prevent the 120 young boys from absconding. William Davies was Superintendent, remaining in charge until his sudden death from apoplexy in 1919 aged just 51.

It should be remembered that these boys were persistent truants, often described as 'incorrigible' and beyond the control of their parents, but they were not criminals. Parents had been fined 2s to 3s.6d for non-attendance of the local school, but even here they could have to pay a similar amount towards their support.

At the official opening, it was announced that after 'training' at the Quaker's Yard Truant School, the attendance record of boys increased from 5 per cent to 75 per cent. This emphasised that the new school would benefit the finances of the Board, as grants were linked to attendance.

Looking back over the first 20 years (1888-1908), as three small villages developed into a bustling town, educating thousands of newly-arrived children was a huge task.

The men chosen to plan and supervise that project, deserved the respect of not only the first generation, but also those of us who came later and attended those same schools.

Although outside the dates of the original story, these two brief accounts bring to an end how education was established in the early days.

The County School for Girls opened in September 1913 to accommodate 220 scholars, with headmistress Miss CF Lee chosen out of 98 applicants, on a salary of £250pa.

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Gavin and Stacey Parkrun draws the crowds as Billericay and Barry come together!

A group of runners from Cardiff. Photographs by Andy Wicks.

Thumbs up from 'Penarth and Dinas Runners'.

Some runners were in orthodox running gear – while others preferred fancy dress.

Runners came from all over south Wales – and some had travelled from Essex.

GAVIN AND STACEY fever returned to Barry last Saturday as the inaugural Gavin and Stacey Parkrun was launched.

Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, the Mayor of Basildon Borough Council Cllr David Dadds, and Vale MP Alun Cairns joined hundreds of runners, including a sizeable contingent from Billericay, and ANDY WICKS was on hand to capture what was occurin'.

Left to right, the Mayor of Basildon Cllr David Dadds, Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Cllr Janice Charles Mayor of Barry Town Council, local MP Alun Cairns and a visiting runner from Essex.

Hundreds of runners heading down the promenade – in all a park run record 435 people took part.

Barry Friends and Neighbours

ABOVE: A recent FAN Barry meeting, where members were joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt and the Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Leighton Rowlands.

FAN (friends and neighbours) groups in Barry this week have discussed: the police, agreeing that they have a difficult job; education, sharing memories of school days; and preparing for Christmas.

We love welcoming new members to our groups which are free of charge, last for an hour and are open to everyone who is friendly. "I have loved meeting people who are learning English and have made new friends," said a member recently.

You do not have to book and there is no commitment to attend every week, so why not come and enjoy a free hot drink with us while sharing your stories.

We meet every Monday at 2pm in Palmerston Community Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent; every Wednesday at 11.30am in Barry Library; and each Thursday at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island at 2pm.

Come to a FAN Group! It's a great opportunity for local people to meet newcomers; you'll meet friends and neighbours and feel more hopeful for the world.

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THERE has been a great deal of talk about high streets lately.

They are under attack – it is said – from online shopping, out of town outlets and big city centres.

I think we would all agree that a thriving high street is important for any town, so it is good to report just how much life there is in High Street, Barry.

It's evident from the sheer numbers of independent traders, all offering goods and services that are individual, personal and far from the identikit clones that are becoming a curse on other high streets.

More than any other shopping area I can think of, High Street Barry has a sense of retailers pulling together and customers noticing and welcoming it.

The High Street Traders have always tried to give something back to the community, and in the run up to Christmas, this year is no different.

Slightly earlier than usual – on Friday, November 16, from 1pm to 6pm – a 'Fairytale Christmas' is planned.

The Christmas lights will be switched on, and Santa will there to greet the children, with festive food and mulled wine, choirs, carol singing, rides and storytellers.

It's a great way to start that festive season feeling, and there's another High Street event to look forward to before the month of November is out.

On Thursday, November 29, the traders will be holding their traditional pre-Christmas late-night shopping event, from 5pm to 8pm, where a warm welcome will be guaranteed and where shoppers can take their time and wander from store to store, away from the bustle of everyday shopping.

It was only the other day when a Welsh Government spokesperson commented on high streets in general and said: "Use it or lose it".

That's not a phrase that should apply to Barry High Street. The phrase implies, I think, that the shopper is making a small sacrifice for the greater good.

That's certainly not the case here in Barry. Shoppers who don't use it are quite simply, losing out.

With so much variety and good, old-fashioned personal service, the shopping experience is an intensely positive one, so make the trip to High Street Barry.

You won't be disappointed.

PHILIP IRWIN

Sarah, Nathan and the team at Food For Thought.

Food For Thought – all that you need for the festive season

ONE business that is normally busy and expects to get even busier as Christmas approaches is Food For Thought in High Street Barry.

The deli and takeaway is a hive of activity as customers call in for sandwiches, rolls and the like, but things get really hectic from now on. Their order forms are ready and waiting for customers who want to be well supplied for when the festive season gets going.

As well as the full range of deli items, from chutneys and preserves to coffee and cakes, Food For Thought will be making up bespoke cheese hampers.

Another very popular range is mince pies, with three styles – Viennese, iced top and traditional. Even in the last week of October, the shop supplied about 400, so how many will be sold in December is anyone's guess!

A warm welcome at High Street's toy shop

Giggles is a great place for children's toys.

High Street's own traditional toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year.

With even more traditional wooden toys, made from sustainable sources, than ever, it looks like Santa's going to be very busy.

Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all and will be offering a free gift with every purchase from the 'Top Model' range at High Street's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, November 29, 5pm to 8pm,

Vic Hopkins' team ready for Christmas orders

The team at Vic Hopkins Butchers are ready and waiting for your order!

THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 47 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 34th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers.

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands.

"Pick up your Christmas order form soon or drop us an email to: *welshbutchers@yahoo.co.uk* ."

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Nicola Hopkins of Budding Designs is looking forward to her first Christmas in Barry High Street.

New florist's first Christmas on High Street

THIS year will be the first Christmas on the High Street for Budding Designs Flower Studio.

Owner Nicola Hopkins qualified at Pencoed Horticultural College in 1993. She said: "It has always been my dream to own my own Florist shop and I am thrilled to be on the High Street with its boutiques and independent shops.

"There is a real buzz and community spirit on the High Street and I have been more than welcomed".

Budding Designs is a florist who offers Hand-Tied Bouquets for all occasions and with its online ordering system (*www.buddingdesigns.co.uk)* it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered.

Nicola said: "We specialise in weddings and have an extensive portfolio of sympathy flowers.

"Join us in the studio on one of the workshops we offer throughout the year, from Christmas door wreaths and table arrangements to flowers crowns and hand-tied bouquet classes. All are welcome to browse our shop full of gifts, homeware, gift vouchers and more."

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For that unique, handcrafted gift – Homemade Wales is the one!

Fay Blakeley of Homemade Wales

HOMEMADE Wales is packed with beautiful, locally-made, unique handcrafted gifts.

Local businesswoman Fay Blakeley, the owner of Homemade Wales, explained: "I spend a lot of time throughout the year meeting new makers and artists.

"It's always a thrill for me to bring their work together at this time of year and to see how much it is appreciated by my customers.

"This Christmas, we've got lots of new makers, including three new jewellers."

Fay is particularly excited to be offering an exclusive promotion at both of the High Street Christmas events; the night of the 'Christmas Lights Switch-on', Friday, November 16, and the 'Late Night Shopping Event' on Thursday, November 29.

Fay said: "We'll be giving away a free locally made burner with every soy wax candle or melt purchase, so get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street or visit Facebook/Homemade Wales!"

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Try new treatments at The Beauty Clinic

THE Beauty Clinic has been an important part of Barry High Street for 13 years now, and during that time owner Michaela Glass has developed its range of treatments, adding extras to continually update the business.

Michaela's busy appointment book is testament to how this has helped the business develop and stay fresh.

Non surgical face lifts were introduced two months ago and Michaela says the response has been excellent.

She said: "We do the CACI jowl lift and also the CACI eye revive treatment, both non surgical."

The Beauty Clinic has also introduced crystal clear intense pulse light therapy, and another recently added treatment that is proving popular is microblading for eyebrows.

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The Ultimate Christmas Experience

Vinylize is new to Broad Street

Tony Peters of Vinylize alongside his emboidery machine.

A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.

Tony Peters opened two months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can, of course, buy the clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvas in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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Quality clothing at Jade Boutique

Jane James at Jade Boutique.

ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique. She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for three-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

Jane specialises in quality designer clothing,with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

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The Ultimate Christmas Experience

Looking for a new festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it all covered

BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 12 years now.

Tt's a real family affair and is run by Ann Bryl and her daughters Natasha and Lousha.

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots lots more.

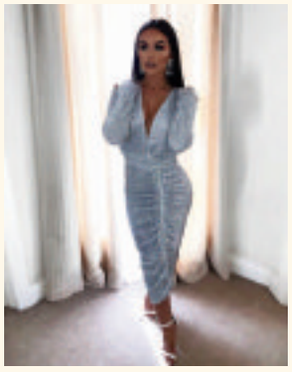
In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann and her daughters are passionate about fashion and are always adding new brands to the shops offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear- whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range – they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!

Bryl's Boutique



Wishing all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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A warm welcome awaits at the Bryl Boutique.

Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith

CONNECTING Barry High Street and Broad Street is Island Road, and there you will find Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith where 95 per cent of the stock is made in house.

Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up to Christmas.

He said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs' so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

However, they have plenty of their own original items on sale to the public, so pay a visit to Bespoke.

Items on sale at Bespoke Jewellery.

Bespoke Jewellery workshop

A selection of handmade Jewellery

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Have a magic party at the Small Space

The theatre in the Small Space.

If you're part of a small business with only a few members of staff, why not come to a joint Magical Christmas Party.

The Small Space on Island Road in Barry, The World's Smallest Magic Theatre, is hosting joint Christmas parties every Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (1pm till 5pm) and evenings (7pm till 11pm) in December.

Enjoy a full 90-minute magic show with close-up and mind-reading, along with a delicious cheese and cold meat platter during the interval.

With its fully licensed upstairs bar, this unique former Victorian shop has been wowing audiences since launching earlier this year.

The theatre holds only 20 people and at just £25.00 per head for the show and delicious buffet, it's an ideal way for your small business to enjoy a party with another local business. Email *info@thesmallspace.co.uk for details.*

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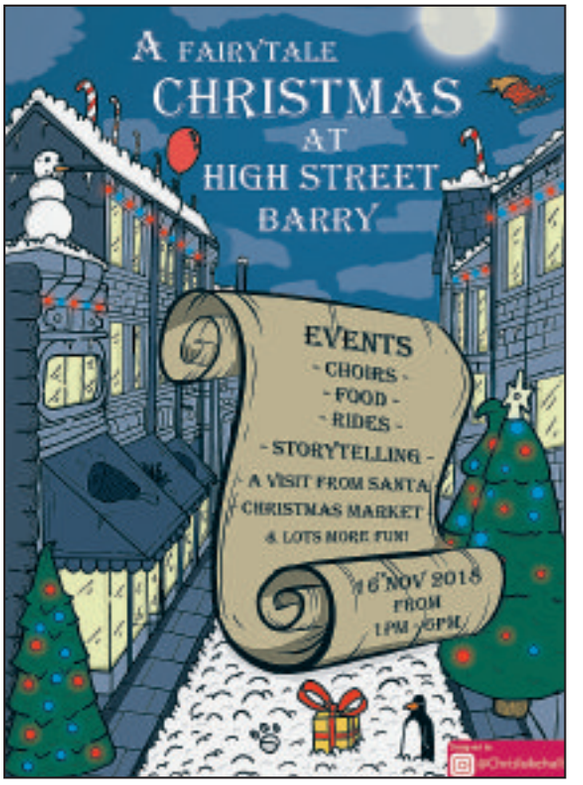

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A 'Polished' addition to the High Street

ANOTHER High Street Barry business that is looking forward to its first Christmas is Polished nail bar, which is run by Helen Leech.

Helen told the GEM: "Business is going really well, and the footfall here in the High Street is excellent."

She has been in these premises for five months now, but Helen's reputation as an expert with nails is well established, as the rave reviews on Polished's Facebook page go to show.

Having a expert nail artiste is pretty good if you are making plans for a special occasion, but Tia Ali, a make up specialist, also runs Face Forum from the same premises, so Polished are offering quality services in two important areas.

Polished promises to make sure your nails are looking fabulous and ready for the festive season.

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Bydd gwyriadau lleol lofnodi ar waith
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2018

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will Be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 16th November 2018	**High Street Barry,** between Market Street and East Street **Island Road Barry,** between Broad Street and Queen Street	10.30am to 7.00pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place
Dated this 8th day of November 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

Fireworks fiesta at Barry Island lights up the sky!

Last Saturday night, Barry Island played host to the Rotary Club of Barry-organised Fireworks Fiesta. The event was a huge hit with the large crowd that enjoyed not just the fireworks display but also entertainment from a range of musicians and much, much more. Photographer ROGER HARRISON (cariadus.com, Instagram & Twitter @cariadus) was on hand to capture the fireworks in all their glory.

Western Vale Family Practice urges you to beat the flu!

THE annual flu immunisation programme is well underway and those eligible for a flu vaccine are being urged not to wait.

Last year only 46.9 per cent of people in risk groups (65+, pregnant, carer, having a long-term health condition), protected themselves against flu, a virus, which can and does kill every year. People older than 65 years of age account for up to 90 per cent of deaths from flu.

This year, those at risk are being urged to get their free vaccination as early as possible from their GP Practice, before the flu season (December to March).

Sister Charlotte Torres, nurse practitioner at Western Vale Family Practice, said: "Flu is a serious illness caused by a virus that affects the lungs and airways. Symptoms generally come on suddenly, and can include fever, chills, headache, cough, muscle aches and fatigue. For those in an at risk group, flu can be deadly.

"Flu cannot be treated with antibiotics. Make sure you do not put yourself at risk by missing this potentially life-saving opportunity.

"This year we held successful Saturday clinics in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, with very positive feedback from patients.

"However, only 26 per cent of asthmatics and 36 per cent of patients living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease registered with our practice have received their protection.

"This is particularly concerning, as severe cases of flu for patients living with these conditions, could see them being admitted to hospital due to complications."

Sister Torres warns that even if you had the vaccine last year, it is very important to get it again this year.

"Immunity wanes and the flu virus changes every year, so you should have it again now for best protection this winter. The vaccination also helps prevent the spread of the virus, so getting vaccinated helps keep you and your loved ones safe. It's a win-win.

"We have your vaccine ready and waiting for you. Don't delay: book it today!"

You can find out more by visiting Western Vale Family Practice website www.cowbridgedoctors.com or following the practice on its new Facebook page @WesternValeFP

Town hall panto

THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council has invited a panto company to perform Sleeping Beauty on Saturday, December 8, at 5.30pm in the town hall.

Remembrance display at All Saints Church

ALL Saints' Church, Penarth will be open on Saturday, November 10 with a display of the 32 from the parish who left for World War 1, and did not return.

The display is from 2pm to 4pm and there will be a chance to see the British Legion poppy wreaths to each of the men, to lay your own poppy crosses and maybe just sit awhile.

Refreshments will be available on the Gallery. Do join us.

For details, call Jane on 07966 882459.

Education in Barry

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The building was erected for £10,000 on an imposing site lower down Buttrills Road by Cardiff builders Knox and Wells, being described as one of the finest and best appointed in the Principality.

Finally, in their own school after 17 years with the boys, they could build on what had gone before and the head stressed that girls deserved the best available teaching, to achieve future excellence.

They had a fine library, an open classroom on the first floor and two upstairs, where on fine days open-air classes would be held. Within a few months, Lady of the Manor Mrs Jenner donated two acres of land as a recreation ground for the girls.

Glamorgan Training College for Women opened a year later, on a site between Buttrills Road and College Road.

Principal Miss Hilda Mary Raw MA (London) would receive a salary of £400pa plus board/lodge and laundry. Situated between the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Barry had been chosen for this important establishment because of its good schools and the interest of its citizens in education.

An interesting story appeared early on when Barry Dock and Cadoxton churches complained that the principal had advised her young ladies to only attend churches in the immediate area.

Dr PJ O'Donnell 1896.

The chairman of the College Committee, J Lowdon JP, was despatched to find the reasons for such advice. Miss Raw considered it her dual role to not only train young women to be teachers, but also to act as a substitute parent while in her care.

With so many seamen in this bustling town, police had warned her not to allow the young and sometimes naïve students to walk up Buttrills Road after dusk, when they may encounter men and women of 'loose character'.

It was also known that 1,000 soldiers were coming for the winter with a further 3,000 to 4,000 possibly later. Miss Raw contacted all parents, explaining the situation and asking for written approval of her decision and the vast majority agreed.

In the 'social media' of a century ago, a letter highlighted other draconian rules being forced upon these unfortunate students: dust the class and assembly rooms; assist maids in clearing tables; carry crockery to the 'dinner-wagon'; clean their own bedrooms. This deprived them of their afternoon recreation and only being allowed out for two hours on Saturday afternoons, the writer forecast a breakdown in health.

Speculation over Dinas Powys air pollution

'HAS there been a recent rise in pollution along the main road through Dinas Powys, particularly at Railway Terrace in Eastbrook?'

That was the question posed this week by Rod Harrod, the chairman of Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group. He is asking the village's Vale councillors to raise the issue with council officers.

Railway Terrace on Cardiff Road in Dinas was one of five locations in the Vale highlighted in an Arcadis consultant's report on air quality.

It showed road traffic emissions of nitrogen dioxide at, or close to, the relevant annual average concentration limit of 40 microgrammes per cubic metre.

The others places are Windsor Road, Cogan; Penarth; Cogan roundabout; Tynewydd Road, Barry; and Culverhouse Cross.

Mr Harrod said he had particular concerns for Railway Terrace because it was sandwiched between the main road and railway track.

He said: "We will possibly find out more when the Arcadis Stage 2 study into the Dinas Powys transport corridor is made available for public consultation."

He speculated that the situation "...must have got worse" in the last few years, citing what he described as "...the huge increase in HGV traffic on Cardiff Road".

"Large lorries are not just travelling through the village but servicing the three construction sites in it," he said.

"In the last 18 months, with the completion of the stretch of A4232 from Cardiff docks, even more heavy vehicles heading west have been using the main road through Dinas Powys and, as Barry Waterfront expands, it generates more traffic through Dinas.

"There's only one solution" the long-awaited by-pass. That's the only way traffic can be taken off the existing main road so that it can be turned into a 'B' road with a weight restriction and a speed limit."

Independent living advice

IF you live on your own and need advice on aids to mobility, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, November 13 from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Advice on stair lifts, home adaptation, mobility aids etc will be given by Snowdrops Independent Living, to help you to find practical solutions to any difficulties. For further information call 01446 732385 or just come along. **GF**

100 pupils lay wreaths to honour the fallen

ONE hundred children from across the Vale joined together to take part in a commemoration at Barry Memorial Hall, ahead of the centenary of the end of The Great War.

The event was organised by Vale MP Alun Cairns in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, with eight local primary schools sending pupils along to pay their respects; and received a presentation from veterans who talked about the significance of Remembrance Day.

Children were involved from primary schools across the Vale, with Cadoxton, Palmerston, Romilly, High Street, Gladstone and Jenner Park all coming from Barry and St Athan and Ysgol Y Ddraig also attended.

Mr Cairns called on Vale businesses to donate towards the cost of the wreaths, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. He was delighted to raise £2,940, far exceeding his £2,000 target, with donations received from over 30 businesses based in the Vale.

Mr Cairns said that he is incredibly grateful to receive such support from the business community and is thankful for two substantial donations from Aston Martin, which donated £1,000 and Siteserv, which donated £500.

The Vale MP said: "Thank you to all of the schools who took part, the teachers and children, for their enthusiasm and for the really moving messages that they left. It's so important that future generations understand the sacrifices that were made and why we honour them and it was clear to get a sense of that in their messages."

He added: "Thank you, also, to all of the businesses who kindly and generously donated towards the cost of the wreaths which will go towards the fantastic work that the Royal British Legion do.

"I'd like to pay tribute to Theresa, Jimmy and the team at the British Legion. They really helped to bring this together and it's been a privilege to work with them."

Following the commemoration, Mr Cairns made sure that nothing went to waste by handing over the boxes for the wreaths to a local pizza restaurant. With the wreath boxes looking just like pizza boxes, Rhys Cafaro, who owns Paletta Pizzeria in Barry, took them to use at the restaurant rather than them heading straight for the bin.

Mr Cairns said: "In the grand scheme of things, this is only a small example of what we can do to recycle and get the most out of the materials that we use.

"However, the opportunity was there to get some more use out of the boxes.This is about the wider message that there are lots of inventive ways to get the most out of our waste and promote responsibility."

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LEFT: From left: Nigel England (Siteserv), Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Cllr Janice Charles, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Cllr Bob Penrose, Father Ben Andrews, Stuart Dee (Aston Martin), Dave Jimmy Green (chairman of Barry Royal British Legion).

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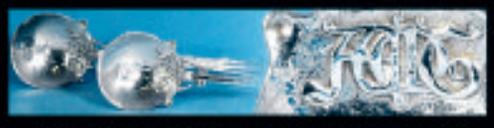

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Dark matter and dark energy: what are they?

IT is not often that the GEM receives correspondence from the US, but Joe Bakhos, a teacher from Big Bear City in California, read and commented on a recent astronomy article.

Here is his take on dark matter.

THERE are two astrophysics observations that do not make sense; they are not consistent with our current understanding of physics.

1. Galaxies are accelerating away from each other and we don't know why. Because of gravity, they should be slowing down instead of receding at an ever increasing rate.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that space itself is expanding, and galaxies are gaining gravitational potential energy as they recede from each other. This energy must come from somewhere, so dark energy is theorized to fill this gap, even though we've never directly observed dark energy.

2. The outer stars inside galaxies are moving too fast. At that speed, a galaxy's gravity should not be strong enough to hold the outer stars in orbit. Instead, these outer stars should be flying off into space.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that there is additional dark matter in each galaxy that is providing extra mass, but this dark matter cannot be detected directly in any way. For example, it is supposed that our galaxy is 90 per cent dark matter, in order to explain the rotation rates of our outer stars.

I am proposing a new hypothesis: Angular Gravity Reversal (AGR), which would explain these phenomena without the need of dark matter or dark energy.

According to AGR, normal gravity decreases to zero at a distance of approximately 1.5 million light-years. Beyond this distance, gravity reverses direction, and becomes slightly repulsive. Reverse gravity then increases in strength as the distance becomes greater, reaching a peak strength at approximately 3 million light-years. After this, reverse gravity becomes weaker and weaker, trailing off to zero as distance increases.

If this is true, then space is not expanding. The Galaxies are accelerating away from each other because their reverse gravity is pushing against one another. There is no need of dark energy.

Since gravity reverses, at those distances the galaxies are not gaining any potential energy. They are losing potential energy and this energy is being converted into momentum as they gain in speed.

This also would explain galactic rotation rates. Any dust or gas that is close enough to a galaxy will be attracted to the galaxy. Any dust or gas that is beyond 1.5 million light years however, will be repelled away from the galaxy.

This means that the interstitial space between galaxies is not as empty as we thought; instead it is filled with a lot of dust and gas. Not only are the galaxies pushing against one another; each galaxy is also surrounded by a 'womb' of dust and gas that is also pushing upon the galaxy. Because of this pushing, the outer stars in each galaxy are held in place. This is why they are not flying off into space given their speed.

Thus, there is no need of dark matter to explain their motion.

But why does gravity reverse like this? Imagine that you are looking at two galaxies from a standpoint far away from them. Imagine using your two arms to point at each of them. There is an angle between your two arms.

AGR posits that gravity is actually dependent upon this angle, rather than the distance between the two galaxies. To speak anthropomorphically, space does not 'like' differing perspectives, so if two objects are close enough, space 'works' to push them close enough to form a single perspective. If two objects are far enough apart, space 'works' to push them so far apart that they are not related to each other at all. A more scientific way of expressing this is to say that sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving closer together, and sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving apart.

Read the second part of Mr Bakhos's article in the next edition.

For a more in-depth explanation, I refer readers to my reddit post at: www.reddit.com/r/MyTheoryIs/comments/87pcgq/what_dark_matter_is/ Joe.

Joe Bakhos, Big Bear City, CA

Breakfast at KPC

KPC in Pyle are organising their third breakfast get-together for local groups and organisations in Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Cornelly and surrounds.

This is a pilot project to run quarterly, and a chance to find out what we all do locally for our community – events, services we offer, info sharing, and for us all to gain a greater understanding of what great work is being done!

If you're a local organisation/group or business delivering services to our community from children to adults, please get in touch.

Come along for a bacon roll and a cuppa at 8.30am at KPC in Pyle on Thursday, December 6 – contact Alison for more information on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Reducing prisoners' reoffending with 'the golden thread'

STRENGTHENING family ties can play a crucial role in helping offenders to turn their lives around beyond the prison gates, Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns said following a visit to HM Prison and YOI Parc in Bridgend on October 25.

The visit to HMP Parc, the only privately-run prison in Wales, comes in the year following the publication of a UK Government-commissioned report, which identified family relationships as the 'golden thread' running through the reforms across the prison estate.

Mr Cairns met Parc prison director Janet Wallsgrove and prison staff to see first-hand how incorporating family members into the prison's innovative rehabilitation schemes is having a significant impact on preventing prisoners from reoffending after release.

In September 2016 Lord Michael Farmer, in partnership with the membership charity Clinks, was commissioned by the UK Government to investigate how connecting prisoners with their families can improve offender wellbeing, assist in keeping the public safe and reduce reoffending.

During the visit to HMP Parc, the Secretary of State met Corin Morgan-Armstrong, head of family interventions for G4S Central Government Services in the UK, who highlighted how the success of the prison's 'Invisible Walls Wales' project has produced tangible results for the rehabilitation of offenders.

Mr Cairns said: "Safe and secure prison environments are just the foundation for successful rehabilitation. But as Lord Farmer's review outlined last year, building and nurturing family relationships is also fundamentally important if people are to change.

"It has been inspiring to meet the passionate staff at HMP Parc and to experience how they are pursuing trailblazing initiatives like 'Invisible Walls Wales'."

Backed by Big Lottery Fund investment and working in partnership with Barnardo's Cymru, the Invisible Walls Wales scheme helps prisoners to strengthen family ties and maintain healthy family relationships as well as providing them with advice on issues such as debt, housing, training and moving towards employment.

Janet Wallsgrove, director of HMP and YOI Parc said: "Our aim is to reduce reoffending after release by providing prisoners with the right skills and support during their sentence, and by strengthening their ties with the community."

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Presentation evening for the Tractor Boys

THE Tractor Boys of Aberthin held a presentation evening at the Farmers Arms in Aberthin on November 4, with more than 40 people in attendance.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two cheques totalling £1,700.

The first cheque for £500 was presented by Caroline Langford to Victoria Williams, who accepted the cheque on behalf of The Ellis Rose Legacy Fund. This money will help to go towards buying a cuddle blanket that preserves a young child's body so that parents can spend a little more time with them before they finally say their goodbyes.

The money was raised at a tractor run in March and the total amount raised to date by the Ellis Rose Legacy Fund exceeds £10,000. This has allowed the foundation to buy and donate two cots.

The second presentation was made by Martyn Huish and was for £1,200. The money was raised at a tractor run on October 28. Everyone had benefitted from an extra hour in bed, so a good crowd turned up on a very cold morning to support the run, look at the tractors, kick tyres and devour tea, coffee and bacon rolls.

Starting from the car park of Able Contract Electronics, 33 tractors travelled through Talbot Green, Llantrisant, Beddau,Tonteg, Treforest, Pontypridd, and Ynysbwl before finally stopping for refreshments, food and a raffle at the Brynffynon Hotel, Llanwonno.

Accepting the cheque from Martyn Huish was Emily David (*above*), who will pass it on to the charity Caring Matters Now. Emily's daughter Maisey (3) suffers from a rare condition called Congenital Melanocytic Naevi Syndrome. She is under the watchful eye of Great Ormond Street Hospital as she needs to be monitored carefully. About 1 in 20,000 children suffer from this condition.

Many thanks to Martyn Huish for being route master for both runs, Caroline Langford for booking in the entrants, Jason Huish for selling raffle tickets, Able Contract Electronics for the use of their facilities and to all those who supported the events and made donations.

During the last eight years, the Tractor Boys of Aberthin have raised more than £32,000 for good causes.

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The long arm, and the sweet tooth, of the law raise funds for school

ABOVE: The cheque is handed over at Newton Primary School.

OFFICERS and staff at a Bridgend police station have raised another £500 for a local school through their charity tuck shop.

They raised the money through the tuck shop in Queens Road police station. A cheque was handed over last month to Newton Primary School in Porthcawl by officers from the Porthcawl Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The money will go towards helping to fund a new outdoor play space at the school.

The tuck shop, which is run by PC Ceri Francis and PC Rea Stephens, has raised around £8,500 for various charities during the past three years.

Local causes that have been given recent donations include Penybont Surf Lifesaving Club and Pen y Bont Primary School.

Another boost for local economy as Rockwool expansion given go-ahead

IN another boost for the local economy, Rockwool has been granted permission by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to develop a new storage area at its Pencoed site in South Wales.

Planning permission has been given for the development of the land to the south of the existing factory site. The works will increase onsite capacity to store and distribute the wide range of insulation products manufactured at the site, and will also improve traffic management because of a new access road and loading area for hauliers.

The new logistics centre will enable Rockwool to use capacity created by a 2008 factory extension and respond to trends in urbanisation and high density, mixed-use developments, which have driven year on year growth in demand for sustainable insulation products that perform across thermal, acoustic and fire safety needs.

Darryl Matthews, managing director of Rockwool Ltd said: "We are delighted to have already created 50 new permanent jobs this year. This development will result in 65 more jobs at Rockwool, as well as providing opportunities for other businesses through our commitment to working with local suppliers on these works.

"The new facility comes at a great time when Rockwool will be celebrating 40 years of business in Wales in 2019."

AS

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan 01656 860303

Saron Chapel

A SERVICE will take place at Saron Chapel on Sunday, November 18 at 3pm, conducted by Mrs Sonia Castle; all are welcome.

On December 2, Saron Chapel will host a Christmas table top sale in the community hall.

Llangan and St Mary Hill

WORK taking place on the green to make the area safer for children is now complete.

A Christmas pantomime, *Bart and the Beanstack*, takes place at the Llangan Community Hall on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm and on Sunday, December 2 at 2pm. Tickets (adults £3, children £2), raffle and refreshments will be available.

A Christmas fair takes place on Saturday, December 15 in Llangan Community Hall from 2.30pm-4.30pm and will include Santa's Grotto, stalls, raffle and games. Come and join in the fun!

Also in Llangan Community Hall, yoga takes place every Monday from 7pm to 8.30pm and dance classes every Wednesday from 7pm-8pm.

Rugby

THE first rugby international took place last week when Wales won against Scotland, and taking part was local player Luke Morgan from Graig Penllyne.

A very early start to Remembrance Day in Cowbridge town

AT 6am on Sunday, November 11, a piper will play 'Battle's O'er' outside the Town Hall.

This is a traditional air played by pipers after battle and will herald the start of the day's commemorations.

The Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion will be taking part in the November 11 parade, Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying organised by the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

The branch would like to invite any serving members of HM Armed Forces, veterans and anyone with a service connection living in the area to join with them in commemorating this very significant anniversary.

The parade will form up at the rear of the Town Hall by 10.30am to march on at 10.45am for the service and wreath-laying at the memorial, followed by the main Remembrance Service at Holy Cross Church and march-back to the Town Hall.

At 11am, a short service of Remembrance will be held at the war memorial outside the Town Hall followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Once the wreath laying is complete, members of the Royal British Legion, members of HM Armed Forces, youth organisations, local people, the Mayor and councillors will parade to Holy Cross for a service of Remembrance.

When the service has concluded, the parade will return to the town hall where it will be dismissed following a march past.

At 7pm, a beacon will be lit at Cowbridge Rugby Club and this will be preceded by *Last Post*, which will be played at 6.55pm.

At 7.05pm, the town crier will declare 'A Cry for Peace Around the World' and simultaneously, the bells at Holy Cross Cowbridge and St John's Church, Llanblethian will 'ring out for peace'.

Everybody in Cowbridge and surrounding areas is encouraged to attend one or all of the events to show their support of the commemorations in the nation's tribute and the past 100 years of Remembrance.

FW

A very busy month for Cowbridge MV Choir

OCTOBER turned out to be a very interesting month in the life of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, showing how varied the activities of a choir can be.

First, together with Pontyclun Ladies' Choir, members entertained Perth Male Voice Choir from Australia at a packed Pontyclun Rugby Club.

The Perth Choir had travelled to take part in a massed choir concert in London and also toured south Wales. Each choir performed individually and then together.

Perth performed some of the numbers they were singing in London and their performance, including pronunciation of the Welsh songs, was magnificent.

Following this, the choir were invited to entertain residents, families and friends of Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, Barry. The choir was requested to sing a number of Welsh hymns and then the residents and friends joined in a 'sing along'. A great time was had by all.

The next two events in the diary were a fashion show in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge followed by a quiz night which was highly entertaining; the hardest part of the evening was the baby photograph competition. How choristers have changed since their early cherubic days.

The month ended with the choir entertaining the judges of The Great British High Street competition following the town's presentation.

The next engagement for the choir will be at Holy Cross Church in the Christmas Festival concert on Friday, November 23. The choir will be joined by two young ladies who both won their respective competitions in last year's Music in the Vale competition. They are Rhianna Hogg, a soloist and Stefanie Maurer, a guitarist.

Tickets (£7.50) are available from Barnes Dry Cleaners and Sorrento Furnishings in Cowbridge. Tickets are also available at the parish office in Holy Cross Church, from Barbara Harding on 07913 79624 or from any member of the choir.

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'Lovelight' service announced

COWBRIDGE Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care have announced the line-up for its first Christmas 'lovelight' service.

BBC Wales Today presenter Lucy Owen and BBC Radio Cymru presenter Caryl Parry Jones will host an evening of music and Christmas words, at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday December 7.

They will be joined by rugby star Craig Quinnell, The Tenovus Sing With Us Barry choir, the Skymasters Little Big Band and the children's choir Cor Heol y March, Cor Cymru winners based in Welsh St Donat's.

Caryl, a musician, will also sing accompanied by her husband Merf. Tickets cost £10 per adult and children acompanied by an adult go free. The price includes refreshments.

All proceeds will go to helping make life a little bit easier for people with cancer and their families.

Tickets are now available from the Tenovus shop on High Street, Cowbridge and from Cowbridge Friends of Tenovus on gailtalks@hotmail.com or by ringing 07885 254436.

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Pencoed Phoenix's inexperience shows in determined display against Llandaff

The Pencoed Phoenix team. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

Leanne Burnell outstrips the Llandaff defence to make a break.

Katie Murphy forces her way across the try line.

PENCOED Phoenix played with guts and determination against Llandaff Ladies, an experienced side who have been in Premiership for a number of years.

On a day of awful conditions, Phoenix could be justified in their mis-handling. Phoenix are still adjusting to top-flight rugby and playing to their best for 80 minutes to beat sides who are comfortable in Premiership. Llandaff took the game 30-8.

Scorers for Phoenix were Leanne Burnell (penalty) and Katie Murphy (try). Lady of the match was Leanne Burnell for Phoenix.

The team's next is on November 11 against Caernarfon at Pencoed RFC – come and support the team.

JH

RECENT meetings between Pencoed Phoenix under-18s and Rhondda Valley Miners under-18s sides have been closely-fought affairs.

However on this occasion Phoenix ran out comfortable 31-7 winners, this bonus point victory extending their good league form.

A strong Phoenix pack performance laid the foundations for the win, with their pick and drive game most effective, along with a dominant scrummage.

Phoenix tries came from Jaya White (2) Elle Buffey, Jess Tuck and Georgina Davies, with captain Evie Evans adding three conversions.

TR

Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, October 31: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Tony Disley and John Evans; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

On Thursday, November 1: First, Paul Lyne and Clive Edwards; second, Mike Williams and Barry Collins; third, Peter Rowley and Stuart Davies. The winners on handicap were Paul Lyne and Clive Edwards.

On Friday, November 2: First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; second, Glyn Williams and John Beard; third, Mari Jones and Linda Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, at Nolton Church Hall there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

A course of bridge lessons takes place on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are welcome.

GJ

Luke becomes latest Welsh cap from Bridgend Athletic RFC

LUKE Morgan made his debut for Wales in the 21-10 victory against Scotland in Cardiff on Saturday less than two months after his first appearance for the Ospreys in the PRO14, having made the switch from the sevens circuit.

Luke Morgan (second from left) with Lee Byrne and Lloyd Evans presenting prizes at the Bridgend Athletic RFC presentation night. PICTURE BY JOHN CANON.

The 26-year-old wing had a six-year career in sevens, becoming Wales' record try scorer with 66 tries, but was tempted to try the 15-a-side version of the game by Ospreys, the region he spent a few months with seven years ago.

He played in 41 sevens tournaments for Wales. Luke was selected for the GB sevens squad for the Rio Olympics but had to withdraw following an injury. He also played six times for Wales under-20s, scoring four tries.

Wales head coach, Warren Gatland, was impressed by Morgan's pace and finishing: "We have picked players on form and we are looking forward to seeing Luke make his debut," said the Wales attack coach, Rob Howley when announcing his selection.

Luke is the latest player associated with Bridgend Athletic RFC at senior, youth or mini and junior rugby to be capped at senior level for Wales.

He follows Lee Byrne, Scott Baldwin, Rhys Webb, Matthew Morgan, Josh Navidi, Matthew Jones, Tom Prydie and Adrian Durston.

Luke played mini and junior rugby for the Athletic, before moving to the youth team. He was part of the only Athletic youth side in 2008 and 2009 to win the Welsh League and Cup doubles – both finals at the Millenium Stadium.

Also in that squad from 2008-2209 were Matthew Morgan and Lloyd Evans; Ospreys Lloyd (Peers) Ashley and Tom Habberfield; Ravens Rod Apsee and Tom Morgan; Welsh RugbyLeague cap James Olds and four players from the current Ath first XV squad, captain of 2008-2009 side and current club captain Ben Howe, Aled Thomas, Nathan Holman and Matthew Morgan.

Luke moved to Bridgend Ravens in his final year of youth rugby where he gained Wales under-20 caps and then in 2011 made his debut for Wales sevens. He has also played for Llanelli and Newport.

Luke was given little opportunity to shine against Scotland, not given the ball in any space but performed well when called upon to defend.

Bridgend Athletic RFC wish Luke all the best for the autumn international series and hope to see him progress to the Six Nations and Welsh World Cup squads.

AB

The Bridgend Sports RFC mini and junior rugby news round-up

THE under-7s travelled to Neath and played a round-robin against Neath Athletic, Kenfig Hill and Skewen.

Dion Williams showed great attacking skills with six tries over the three games. Livewire Riley Lewis was the top defender, securing 20 tags in total and he was ably supported by Harley Morris.

The deserved man of the match went to Jesse Jones who scored in every game and contributed to the tag total. All the games were close, but the Sports managed to prevail in all three games.

THE under-8s hosted their own mini festival at Parc Derwen and a well-organised mini competition was enjoyed by all teams involved.

For the Sports Archie Hall was top tagger with 20. Their try scorers were also on form with the following players registering their names on the scoresheet: Aled Rees (4), Mikey Heanue (3), Ollie Balmer (3), Rhydian Cronin (2) and Gethin Roberts (2).

The overall game scores were Bridgend Sports 2, Kenfig Hill 3; Bridgend Sports 6, Skewen 3; Bridgend Sports 3, Nanty 5; Bridgend Sports 3, Pencoed 4.

THE under-9s visited Taibach for another round-robin.

All games were closely contested: Taibach 4, Sports 3; Porthcawl 2, Sports 3; Bryncoch 2, Sports 2; Kenfig Hill 2, Sports 4.

All players played with spirit and determination. Louis Payne excelled in defence, earning tackler of the week, while Reuben Sinclair got more involved in a fine all-round performance to claim the star player award.

THE under-10s travelled up to Ogmore Vale to play a round-robin with Valley Ravens and Baglan.

Valley Ravens got off to a good start but the Sports hit back with Lennon Griffiths scoring a superb try. Both sides then displayed some good defence but Osian Stephens scored the next try, followed by Gethin Evans, who strode over the line with immense power, carrying three opposition players with him in the process.

The Ravens hit back with some superb team play to respond with two tries, but Reuben Williams, Leo Giraud, Billy Carpenter-Davies and Osian Stephens scored for Sports for and overall score of Bridgend Sports 30, Valley Ravens 15.

The Sports faced a strong and fresh Baglan side next but they could not match their efforts of the first game as tiredness set in.

The under-10s in action against Baglan.

The Sports struggled to penetrate their opponent's defence and Baglan dominated the scorring to win 50-0.

THE under-11s had a rare Sunday morning off as their scheduled round robin at Kenfig Hill was cancelled, while the under-12s continued their winning ways with a fine 7-17 victory at Kenfig Hill.

The Sports put in a tremendous display with a fine first half performance that the coaches rated as the best the squad has played so far this season while the second half was a tighter affair with the Mules having a couple of opportunities to score but the strong Sports defence held out.

The Sports try scorers were Ben Evans and Rhys Anthony (2); Sam Gardner added a conversion.

THE under-13s faced a large Beddau side that seemed to have bolstered in size since the previous fixture of three weeks ago.

With four players missing the Sports knew they were in for a tough game. Like all good sides, they found strength of character when it was needed to secure a win in what proved to be a difficult encounter.

Sports opened the scoring through Connor Jones, Ieuan Pilliner adding the conversion, and it was the single try and conversion that separated the teams at half-time.

Thomas Coles, Connor Jones, Chloe Gant, Mackenzie Dent, Mollie Prance, Iestyn John and Jodie Keane put in the tackles to keep the away team pinned in their half, and all told the Sports put in a significant 44 tackles in the first half.

With Beddau gaining confidence, the Sports needed to make a positive start to the second half, and they did as Connor Jones scored, again running in under the posts for Ieuan Pilliner to slot the easiest of conversions.

Beddau then reduced the deficit through Corey Thomas, and with the conversion the gap narrowed to 14-7.

Connor Jones then scored his third try and with another conversion the Sports' 14 point lead was restored.

Beddau were determined to narrow the gap and flanker Corey Thomas burst through the Sports defence for a try with almost the last play of the game. The conversion attempt failed for the Sports to register another hard-earned win, 21-12.

THE under-15s secured a fine 29-10 win over Dunvant in the Ospreys Cup at Newbridge Fields.

The Sports' points were secured with tries from Rhys Vaughan (2), Zac Morris and Mac Francis (2). The conversions were kicked by Charlie Tomalin Reeves and Sam Gardner. The man of the match award went to Mac Francis.

THE under-16s had a tough encounter against Gorseinon at home, but full credit goes to this side who keep turning up week in week out. They are a team with great heart.

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Family Notices

THOMAS
Stewart

01.06.1960 – 29.10.2018

It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the untimely passing of Stew, at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff on 29th October 2018, whilst in the loving presence of his wife and three sons. He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Jayne, adored sons Glyndwr, Liam and Blaine, and his precious grandson Oscar.

Stew fought his illness with heroic courage and determination, and will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Stew is resting at Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu may be made to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff or Bowel Cancer Wales c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP.

Tel: 01656 860545.

THOMAS
Stewart

A much-loved brother-in-law of Gaynor and Alan, and loving uncle to Michael, Gareth and Bethan. Also loved by Chelsie and Faith.

You will be sadly missed by us all Stew xxxx

THOMAS
Stewart

Our funny, rugby loving, golf playing brother-in-law and uncle who sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Monday, 29th October 2018.

It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that count.

You will be sadly missed by Debbie, David, Harrison & Daniel xxxx

REES
Captain Brian

A memorial service was held on the 10th September 2018 at Thornhill for Captain Brian Rees who had donated his body to the School of Anatomy at University Hospital Cardiff for Medical Science.

Capt. Rees died at the Heath Hospital on 21st September. 2017 at the age of 84 years. He trained at Smith's Nautical College and enjoyed a colourful career at sea as a Master Mariner before coming ashore to get married. He was Assistant Dock Master in Cardiff for a number of years before becoming a Dock and Bristol Channel Pilot.

A highlight was piloting the Royal Yacht Britannia. He also spent time as Master of a Dive Support vessel in Saudi Arabia and his final job was as Captain of a Drill Ship in the Persian Gulf. He was a kind and fun loving personality and is so missed by his wife Heather, his children Julia and Darran also Tony and his adored grandson Evan.

MORGAN
John Albert

Diane and family wish to thank everyone who attended John's funeral and who sent letters and cards.

Thank you, too for the generous donations to Riding for the Disabled Association and to W. James & Sons for their care and attention.

ELWARD
Stella Ethel

of Bonvilston

Born 4th October 1922

On Saturday, 27th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, after a short illness stoically borne, Stella, loving wife of the late Eddie. Dear sister to Ken, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law to Sandra and Tony and Alan and Tricia. Devoted nan to Paul and Natalie, Helen and Nick, Nicola and Geoff and to Christopher. Loving great nan to Bethan, Gethyn, Lily and Isla.

Stella was a long time Standard Bearer and valued Poppy seller for the Bonvilston Royal British Legion, Women's Branch.

She will be sadly missed by all family, neighbours and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 15th November, service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston, followed by cremation 12 noon at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers by request, donations if desired to Royal British Leigion, c/o the funeral director.

SCHUSTER
Margaret (Peggy)

Peacefully, at the age of 100, at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, Peggy, dearly loved wife of the late Lynn, much loved mother of Ann and the late David. Beloved mother-in-law of Mostyn and Beryl and cherished grandma of Karen, Julia, Corinne, Adrian and Elizabeth, her eleven great-grandchildren and her three great-great-grandchildren.

Peggy will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.

Private burial at Barry Cemetery on Monday, 19th November, followed by a public Thanksgiving Service at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry at 12.30pm.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to Kachhwa Hospital, Uttar Pradesh, India c/o Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5SA.

COUCH
Gareth John (Couchy)

Peacefully on 26th October 2018 at UHW, Gareth sadly passed away, aged 73 years. Beloved husband to Annette, father to Joanne and grandfather to Jack.

He will be deeply missed by all family and friends.

Resting at Coles Funeral Directors until the celebration of his life to be held on Tuesday, 13th November 2018 at Thornhill Crematorium (Wenallt Chapel) at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of floral tributes, if desired, may be sent to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL in memory of Gareth. A donation collection will be provided at the service, donations/tributes can also be made via www.colesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/donations

All enquiries to Coles Funeral Directors, 792 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4FH. Tel: 02920 797516

COOMBEY
Evelyn (*née Norris*)

Evelyn passed away peacefully, aged 91 years, on Monday, 29th October. A much loved wife of the late Fred, mother of Jean and grandmother of Lois.

A kind and lovely lady who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 14th November, service 1.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church, Barry, followed by cremation 3pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

BRYAN
Duncan

Peacefully following a short illness on 26th October, aged 88 years, devoted husband to the late Rita, father to Mike and the late Kay, Toni and Maria grandfather to Jesse, Morgan, Rhiannon and Iestyn, great grandfather to Decire, Colton, Harmonique, Eira and Khyro.

Duncan will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 1pm, and afterwards at the Sully Sports and Social Club.

Family flowers only but donations in memory of Duncan can be made directly to, The British Heart Foundation, 138 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HH.

PIKE
Evelyn Margarete (*née Barnes*)

Suddenly but peacefully at home on 24th October, Evelyn sadly passed away. A devoted wife of 61 years to John and a precious mum of Adrian, Ian and Joy. Loving mother-in-law of Jeff, cherished nan and great nan to David, Christopher, Abbie, Evie, Issy and Joseph.

Evelyn will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on Friday, 16th November at 1pm, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Evelyn's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories to the family. All donations received to support The British Heart Foundation in memory of Evelyn.

COLLIER
Allan Glyn

25th April 1942

Passed away peacefully 31st October.

Beloved husband of the late Brenda Collier, step father to Steve Collier and grampy to Christian and Nicole and great grandad to Emily.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words at this sad time.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 23rd November, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. All other donations to be made to the RNLI in Allan's memory.

LYNCH
Beatrice Lillian (Lily)

Formerly of Barry

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, aged 85 years. Widow of Fred and much loved aunt and great aunt.

Rest in peace.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park & Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, 12th November at 1pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB. Tel. 01446 421212 .

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RENWICK
Elizabeth (Biddy)

Passed away after a short illness on Thursday, 25th October 2018.

Loving mother and grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Remembrance Service Friday, 9th November 3pm at St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan. No flowers by request.

JAMES
Susan Janet (*née Nicholls*)

Peacefully on 2nd November 2018 with her family by her side, Susan, aged 66 years. Beloved wife of Stephen, much loved mother of Hayley and Andrew, loved mother-in-law to David and Leanne. Devoted nan to Lucy, Jack, Oliver and Samuel.

Susan will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at All Saints Church, Barry at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

JEYNES
Sigrid Karen

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Sigrid at home on 24th October. A devoted wife of the late Don, loving mum of Karen, Stephen and Julie. A cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Dementia UK in memory of Sigrid.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

HILL
John (Nobby)

Peacefully on 28th October, aged 86 years, brother to Grace and the late Norman.

John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, until the service at the funeral home chapel on Monday, 12th November at 3pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donation in memory of John may be made in favour of the R.N.L.I at the service.

ALLEN
Ernest (Ernie)

Passed away peacefully at home on 27th October. Devoted husband of June, a loving dad of David, John and Donna. A cherished granddad (Belly) of all his grandchildren.

Ernie will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at J.R. & M.F David Funeral Home until his service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 14th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations welcome in Ernie's memory to Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

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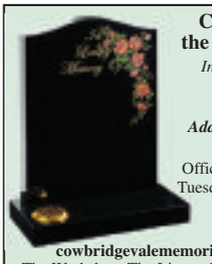

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ENGLAND
Alma Doris Lily

Peacefully on 29th October, Alma, much loved wife of the late Ron, loving mother of Philip, Martyn, Norman and Nigel. Doting grandmother and great grandmother. Sister to Mavis and the late Keith.

Funeral service at Welsh St Donats on Thursday, 15th November at 2pm, followed by interment.

Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenney Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

WOODS
Robin Francis

The family are sad to announce the sudden passing of Robin on the 17th October 2018.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 15th November at 11am and afterwards at Boverton Cemetery.

Public Notice

NOTICE UNDER THE TRUSTEE ACT 1925
The Dow Corning Ltd Pension Plan ("the Plan")
Notice to Creditors and Beneficiaries under Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that the Trustee of the Plan is winding up the Plan. This follows the merger between the Plan and Dow Services UK Pension Plan on 1 February 2018 whereby the Trustee transferred all the Plan's assets and liabilities to the Dow Services UK Pension Plan.

Any creditor, member or beneficiary of the Plan or any other person who believes they have a claim against or interest in the Plan is requested to write to the Trustee c/o Mrs Kate Whittingham Aon, 40 Spring Gardens, Manchester M2 1EN by 4 January 2019 to make a claim. All known members of the Plan transferred to the Dow Services UK Pension Plan as part of the merger, and do not need to contact the Trustee now, as all information about known Plan benefits has been passed over to the Dow Services UK Pension Plan.

Claimants who wish to contact the Trustee now should provide full particulars of their claim (including their full name, address and date of birth) by 4 January 2019. Please clearly quote 'Attention: Kate Whittingham, Dow Corning Limited Pension Plan' in all correspondence at the above address.

After this date, the Trustee will proceed to wind up the Plan and secure benefits for any remaining beneficiaries, having regard only to the claims and interests of which it has prior notice. The Trustee shall not be liable to any person of who has not provided the Trustee with prior notice of their claim or demand.

Any person who has been contacted by the Trustee at their current address or has already made a claim and received a response need not re-apply to the Trustee.

Issued on behalf of the Trustee of the Dow Corning Ltd Pension Plan
Dated 8 November 2018

THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Conwy Windmill Lane Llanblethian Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7HX, who died on 02/08/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 18/01/2019, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Llantwit Major reserves unlucky in five-goal thriller

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC reserves played top-of-the-league Cardiff Metropolitan University at Cyncoed on Saturday, with Scott McMillan making his full debut for the club.

With three regular reserve players promoted to the first team, Nathan Renfree, Mike Hartely and Darren Robinson were made available.

The match started with Llantwit on the front foot playing very good football, starving Cardiff Met of the ball and they were unlucky not to score early on.

Gethin Jennings and Max Morgan struck from far out but didn't trouble the keeper, but the real chance came as Chris Vinson got the better of his man from the right wing and delivered a lofted cross to Stephen Phillips into the box, only to direct his effort at the keeper.

The game was fast and furious as both teams looked to break quickly, amd the university side had their best chance before the half only to see keeper Scott McMillan pull off a one-handed save over the bar.

Llantwit were forced to make an early substitution in the first half as injured defender Aaron Wrigley made way for James Vickers, Leeroy Jones moving to centre back.

The second half continued with both sides having their fair share of attacks. However, with 70 minutes on the clock, Cardiff Met broke away from a Llantwit corner and left them out-numbered and they tapped in from yards out.

Darren Robinson levelled the game moments later with a free kick finding the top corner, before the Met took the lead once more.

With the game at 2-1, Llantwit attacked and the captain found the net again as a Jennings delivery found Robinson free in the area to volley then equaliser.

With 10 minutes remaining a sucker punch goal saw Llantwit lose their chance of a much-deserved point.

Then substitute James Hartley nearly equalised as his shot beat the keeper and struck the post and fell to Chris Vinson, who was brought down.

The referee saw this as a high foot and rewarded Llantwit with a indirect free kick; unfortunately Robinson didn't convert the opportunity and the game ended 3-2 to the university side.

This was a very gritty performance for the reserve team, who did enough to get something out the game.

Their next game is home at Windmill Lane to Afan Lido, 2pm kick-off.

Team: S. McMillan, M.Evans, D.Robinson, A.Wrigley, M.Hartley, C.Vinson, N.Renfree, L.Jones, G.Jennings, M.Morgan, S.Phillips. Substitutes: J.Vickers, R.Malton, M.Gingel, J.Hartely.

JT

More despair for Barry chess teams

THE Barry Chess Club had matches in Divisions One and Three this week.

The Bosons were in Cardiff while the Quarks were in North Cardiff.

There were four matches played in Division One. They all had the same result with the home team recording a 3.5 - 1.5 victory.

The Cardiff Pawns outrated us on all five boards so perhaps draws for Steve Cunliffe, Dave Parsons and Ken Hannah may have been unexpected, they but were not enough to move us out of the relegation spots.

The Bosons are in eighth place with only a half point separating us from the bottom of the table and two points away from safety.

It is starting to look difficult for the Bosons whose long stay in Division One is coming under pressure.

For quite a few consecutive years we have lost strong players who would have been vying for a place in the Bosons but eventually this will come back to bite us.

In Division Three the Quarks played the North Cardiff Panthers, a relatively new team with a couple of juniors who are improving rapidly.

Michael O'Leary and Scott Turned earned wins but it was not enough to prevent a 3-2 defeat for the Quarks.

The Quarks sit in sixth place but all the teams below us have at least one match in hand.

Only the Bridgend C team have a lower tie-break score so again this will be a difficult season.

Hopefully with only one team being relegated this year we will have enough strength in depth to avoid bottom spot - hopefully!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Consolation Cup held at Brynhill

ON Sunday, Brynhill staged this year's final competition, the Consolation Cup.

It was won by Glyn Morris, whose 37 points tied with Colin Lloyd, requiring a back nine count back to split the two and decide the winner.

This week sees the return of professional competitions and the Winter League, so dig out the waterproofs and wet weather shoes out!

ND

The Dinas Powys Golf Club's ladies section results

ON September 4, the 18 hole Mary Nicholls Trophy Foursomes:

1st Audrey Harwood & Sian Smith 66.5 nett, 2nd Annie Blackburn & Sue Bridle 68.5 nett, 3rd Lisa Ryley & Ruth Yates 70.5 nett.

Also on September 4, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown, 2nd Dorothy Amery, 3rd Sharon Jesson.

On September 25, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Dorothy Amery 18 points, 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam 16 points, 3rd Ruth Yates.

On October 2, an 18-hole Daily Mail Foursomes: 1st Maxine Hird and Sam Saunders, 2nd Annie Blackburn and Sue Bridle.

Also on October 2, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Audrey Harwood, 2nd Angela Brown, 3rd Dorothy Amery.

On October 9, an 18-hole Glamorgan County Salver Stableford: 1st Ruth Yates, 34 points on back nine from 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam, 34 points on back six from 3rd Sue Bridle 34 points.

Also on October 9, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Sue Thomas, 2nd Angela Brown, 3rd Rhian Thomas.

On October 16, a nine hole medal White Elephant: 1st Sam Saunders 44-10.5=33.5 nett, 2nd Ruth Yates 46-12 =34, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam.

On October 23, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 18 points, on back three from 2nd Sian Smith, 18 points on back one from 3rd Audrey Harwood 18 points.

On October 30, a nine hole medal Turkey Trot 1: 1st Sue Bridle 43-8.5=34.5, 2nd Samantha Saunders 46-10.5=35.5, 3rd Ruth Yates 48-12=36.

RY

Barrivale news

THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club on October 30 are as follows:

First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram, 65.87 per cent; second, Noelle Bond and Irene Thomas, 62.70 per cent; third, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones, 55.56 per cent. The handicap winners were Ann Richards and Linda Houston.

New members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Friday, 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoon for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

LH

Boat compilation event

CARDIFF Bay Yacht Club hold their annual boat compilation on December 9.

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The Barry and District Mens Skittle League results

DIVISION 1:

Posties 280 (M Gallimore, D Gallimore, W Borde, M Churchill 25), Geest 288 (S R Jones 29); Blue Monkey 284 (C Evans, C Holland 29), Bunker Boys 225 (A Jeynes 28); 49ers 305 (G Yarr 32), KP Rejects 277 (M Davies 28); Billy Whizz 274 (M Ingram 31), British Rail 258 (L Bennett 29); Merrymen 263 (S Walters 28), Willie Wombles 264 (B Gratton 28); Cannon Balls 282 (T Price Jnr 31), Sea View 275 (A Payne 27).

League table: 49ers 16, Geest 10, Blue Monkey 8, Posties 8, KP Rejects 8, Bunker Boys 7, Billy Whizz 7, Willie Wombles 7, British Rail 6, Cannon Balls 6, Sea View 5, Merrymen 4.

DIVISION 2:

Tynny Lads 249 (D Sluman 28), BP Breakaways 266 (G Slocombe 30); Park Lads 272 (D Lambert 27), Mighty Dockers 277 (D Newton 30); Exiles 274 (C Hammett 29), H Bells 273 (B Whitlock, C White 28); Cavaliers 297 (S Hatcher 31), Ex Servicemen 264 (D Stevens 29); Barry Park B 282 (R Freeman 31), Hairy Lemons 268 (S Gully 28); Witchill Poachers 329 (A Butler 31), Colcot Boys 345 (G Mills 36).

League table: Mighty Dockers 14, Park Lads 12, Hairy Lemons 12, Barry Park B 10, Cavaliers 8, H Bells 8, Ex Servicemen 8, Exiles 7, BP Breakaways 6, Colcot Boys 5, Tynny Lads 4, Witchill Poachers 2.

DIVISION 3:

Park Rangers 280 (C Cameron 32), Cocoa Nuts 269 (B Richardson 31); Master Mariner 223 (Mike Harris 28), Castle Boys 242 (G Marks 25); C.U.D. 221 (G Sheppard 25), Witchill Nomads 237 (A Burnell 27); Glenbrook Flyers 247 (J Walters 30), Alternatives 234 (P Church 29); Abercrete 265 (R Mears 28), Royalists 271 (M Roberts, C Iannucci 28).

League table: Park Rangers 14, Witchill Nomads 11, Billy Bluebirds 10, Royalists 9, Abercrete 8, Castle Boys 8, C.U.D. 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, Glenbrook Flyers 4, Alternatives 2, Master Mariner 0.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 6, Moors Boys 9; Cadoxton Cons 7, West End Runaways 8; West End 7, Rhoose Social 8.

League table: Wyndham Cons 62, Rhoose Social 61, West End 61, Cadoxton Cons 57, West End Runaways 57, Liberals 54, Moors Boys 53.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Liberals C 5, Slammers 2; Barry Town FC 6, Liberals A 1; Barries Boys 4, Rhoose Social B 3; Sea View Exiles 4, Allsorts 3; King William XII 4, Rhoosters 3; Rhoose Social C 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Rugby Club 2, Rhoose Social A 5; West End D 0, West End C 7.

League table: West End C 37.0, Sea View Exiles 33.5, Barry Town FC 32.0, King William XII 32.0, West End D 32.0, Rugby Club 31.5, Rhoose Social A 31.0, Allsorts 28.0, Rhoosters 28.0, Slammers 24.5, Rhoose Social C 22.5, Liberals A 22.0, Liberals C 21.5, Rhoose Social B 21.0, Barries Boys 14.5, Cambrian Flyers 9.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Rhoose Social B 0; Cadoxton Wildcats 2, Penarth Cons A 3; West End C 4, Wyndham Cons A 1; Savoy A 5, Market Street B 0.

League table: West End C 26, Savoy A 25, Harbour B 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Cadoxton Cons B 22, Cadoxton Cons Z 20, Penarth Cons A 16, Cadoxton Wildcats 15, Rhoose Social B 14, *Liberators 9, Market Street B 8.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 3, West End A 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Wyndham Cons D 2, Services Social B 3; Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Harbour A 0, Savoy B 5.

League table: Penarth Cons B 27, Savoy B 27, Cadoxton Cons A 24, Services Social B 24, Harbour A 21, Rhoose Social C 21, Wyndham Cons D 21, Market Street C 19, West End A 18, Sully Sports A 13, West End B 10 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Barry Town United Ladies grab five to maintain perfect start

FOLLOWING a cup victory last weekend, Barry Town United Ladies returned to league action on Sunday, taking on Penybont FC in their sixth league fixture of the season and looking to maintain their perfect start.

This was to be the second match between the two sides in three weeks following Barry's FAW Cup victory in October, but this fixture saw a change of venue with the Indoor Dome at Leckwith Stadium hosting the match.

Barry made two changes from the previous week with Tracey White slotting into midfield and Erin Brennan retuning in goal.

It was to be an eventful start to the game as Barry started strongly and took the lead inside five minutes. Chelsea Deacon won the ball wide on the right and she crossed the ball perfectly for Daisy Evan-Watkins to slot home to opening goal.

The hosts were looking in confident mood, dictating the play with intensity and wing back Alicia Cox and Olivia Townsend were finding lots of space in wide areas.

It took just another seven minutes for Barry to double their lead, this time a fine first time cross from Sian Rees was volleyed home by Evan-Watkins at the near post.

Barry were taking real control of the game at this point with the midfield unit of Alex Allen, Tracey White constantly breaking up play to get Barry ticking in central areas and the back three of Emma Thompson, Holly Vowles and Chloe Clarke more than comfortable to build from the defensive third of the pitch.

It was almost three goals after 25 minutes when White played a perfectly-weighted pass to Cox who stormed down the left before cutting inside and unleashing a shot which cannoned back off the inside post.

Deacon also raced through on goal one-on-one, but the Penybont goalkeeper made a fine save to deny the hosts.

However, Barry did grab a third goal on 35 minutes when Rees curled a shot from 20 yards that cannoned off the crossbar and Deacon reacted quickly to tap in the rebound to grab a birthday goal.

Evan-Watkins almost grabbed her hat-trick but was denied by another excellent save from the goalkeeper with the score remaining 3-0 at half-time.

The second half sparked into life when both teams had a player sent off for an off-the-ball incident but this didn't deter Barry, who regrouped and continued to dominate the majority of possession.

ABOVE: Chelsea Deacon on the ball.

Penybont, to their credit, kept working hard and did have a good chance to pull one back through a good counter-attack but goalkeeper Brennan made a good save with her feet.

The hosts hit the crossbar for the third time in the game when White hit a shot from 20 yards but she wasn't to be denied moments later as she prodded home following a corner to make it 4-0 on 62 minutes, capping a strong performance for the midfield player.

Barry made a number of changes with Laura Saliba, Emma Cannon and Taylor Page entering the field, and it was Cannon who almost grabbed a fifth goal, racing through but her lofted shot was well saved by the goalkeeper.

However, Cannon was to play a key role in Barry's final goal of the game on 75 minutes when she ran into the penalty area and was brought down which resulted in Deacon scoring a penalty to make it 5-0.

Barry saw out the remaining period of the game to record their sixth straight win in the league and remain joint-top of the Welsh Women's League alongside Caldicot Town and Aberystwyth Town.

Following the game manager Luke Williams commented: "We are delighted with the result and more importantly the level of performance against a good team at this level.

"We managed to do all parts of the game well, created lots of chances in what was probably our most complete performance so far this season."

The ladies travel west on Sunday to take on newly-promoted Rhos, and will hope to continue their excellent form.

LW

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Sea View Gals 297 (M.Richards 33), Cigar Ladies 278 (S.Billings 30); Family & Friends 245 (J.Compton 28), Bakers Dozen 254 (M. Western 29); Cadoxton Con Fillies 234 (T. Dyball 25), Family Affairs 208 (S. Vincent 25); Space Finders 325 (E. Worthy & H. Webb 32), Pila Pala 302 (A. Williams 35); Barry Stars 207 (S. Huxter 23), LaBelles 213 (J. Williams 24); Special Angels 284 (P.Grisdale 27), Coppers 273 (J. Hartnell 27).

Division 2:

Witchill Weebies 348 (P. Westall 34), Bobby's Girls 319 (L. Evans, S. Snelson & J. Barnett 32); Airways Angels 237 (A.Sales 25), Colcot Ladies 247 (P. Johnson 28); Challengers 275 (A. Diamond 27), Rugby Triers 270 (J. Bellinger 30).

Division 3:

Witchill Widows 311 (L.Spyrou 31), Sea View Ladies 327 (E.White & S. Humphries 32); Westenders 238 (M.Condon 26), Vixens 252 (N. Sheppard 29).

Division 4:

Little Misfits 220 (K. Davies 23), Livin on a Spare 210 (T. Mountjoy & J. Farmer 21); Hell Raisers 185 (M. Davies 23), Nite Outers 213 (J.Davies 25); Rebels 213 (K. Burman 24), Boozy Birds 221 (A. Loyd 27); Twilights 214 (A. Cambell 26), Optimists 193 (S. Hayne 23).

The league's next meeting is on November 12 at Cadoxton Conservative Club at 8pm.

HB

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was a good weekend for Barry Athletic at the top – and they didn't even play, as their nearest rivals both slipped up.

Penarth Town came crashing back to earth after thumping the leaders last week as they were beaten 4-0 at home by Island Marine, Marine securing their second successive four-goal victory to stun Penarth.

Rhoose also succumbed to defeat as Cowbridge Town continued their great run of form, edging Rhoose out 2-1.

In the battle of the basement teams, Sully Sports won out 2-1 over St Athan, Sully's first win since August.

In Division One, Cwm Talwg picked up a big 4-2 win over Cadoxton Barry while Cadoxton Imps demolished SP Billy 7-1.

In Division Two, St Athan B extended their lead at the top with a 2-1 victory over Vale Madrid – the leader's sixth win in a row.

Rivals Rhoose B did not play while Cadoxton Athletic slipped up to a 3-1 defeat to Barry Athletic B. Penarth Town B moved up to third with a huge 6-1 away win at Island Marine B.

In the SWFA Intermediate Cup, a competition open to south Wales teams from below their local league's top division, Holton Road and Tynewydd are representing the Vale League admirably as both sides reached the semi-finals this weekend.

Holton Road eased past Pontypridd FC 4-1 while Tynewydd saw off Gadlys Rovers 2-1.

This week, it's Barry Cup quarter-finals, with Cowbridge playing Cardiff Airport, Rhoose hosting Cogan, Penarth welcoming Cadoxton Imps and a Cadoxton derby as Cadoxton Athletic play Cadoxton Barry.

HD

Croquet club's fond farewell to Dyffryn

DYFFRYN Croquet Club have been established at Dyffryn Gardens since it was founded in 1986. It has been a successful club with local South West Federation and National (UK) success.

Sadly, this summer saw the last croquet played at Dyffryn Gardens as The National Trust says it cannot support use of the croquet lawns at the site for the club's sole use.

The venue is the only site in Vale to host international matches, on behalf of the Welsh Croquet Association, having hosted matches against Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Scotland, Switzerland, Italy, Uruguay and, of course, England.

The Welsh team has always had a number of players from the Dyffryn club in Welsh teams. Wales are currently World Champions at Tier 2, having won the title in 2017.

The club has agreed a move to the Glamorgan Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (GLTCC) to re-establish croquet at this site in Merthyr Mawr in 2019.

Garry McElwain, club chairman, said: "This is a sad situation for us as a club, having been at Dyffryn Gardens for 32 years. We are grateful to GLTCC for the opportunity to play at Merthyr Mawr next year and hope that the club can continue to build on its good reputation within the South West Federation.

"A lot of work has been done behind the scenes and the hard work has started on the new lawns at Merthyr Mawr."

Garry is seen in the picture taking the last-ever shot of competitive play when he won the club's prestigious Dyffryn Cup at the club's recent finals day.

PP

Rees' book is 'a must'

A MUST for all rugby fans is Matthew Rees' *Reasons 2 Smile – My Battles On And Off The Rugby Field* (published by yLolfa).

This autobiography of the Scarlets, Cardiff Blues, Wales, British and Irish Lions and Barbarians player, a key member of the Wales team which achieved momentous Grand Slams at the 2008 and 2012 Six Nations Championships and who is the most-capped hooker of all time for the Welsh national side, reveals all on his battle with cancer and the ordeal of the treatment and his fight to get healthy again.

He then defied all expectation and went on to win a further cap for Wales, and this book charts the highs and lows of his rugby career and also includes a foreword by Wales coach Warren Gatland who descibes Matthew as '... a team player who is tough, leads by example, focused, resilient - but it keeps coming back to him being just a good bloke.'

However, this is not just another rugby book and rugby is not all there is to Matthew''s story. At age 20, he found out who is real father was, a bombshell that had a huge impact on his relationship with his family.

As fellow Wales international Gareth Jenkins says: "This book reflects the magnitude of his achievements on the field and the toughness and spirit he has shown off it in overcoming every obstacle thrown his way."

This autiobiography is an uplifting, inspirational story which rugby fans and non-rugby fans alike will enjoy.

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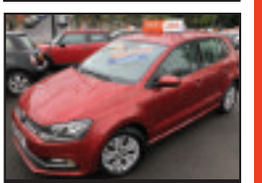

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Powerboat team to compete in World Life Saving Championships

Pictured are team members Gwyn Jones, Chris Parry, Tom Parry, Ian James, James Everdean, Paul Edwards, Alex Parker, Dave Murphy and Richard Castle with Shan Francis of Porthcawl Co-Op and Kerry Marlow, Porthcawl Co-Op Charity Pioneer member.

PORTHCAWL Surf Life Saving Wales Powercraft team will be representing Wales at the World Life Saving Championships in Adelaide, Australia, at the end of November 2019.

Their polo shirts have been sponsored by Porthcawl Co-Op.

Cowbridge RFC set for Old Illtyds test

COWBRIDGE RFC first XV are back in league action this Saturday, taking on Old Illtydians at home with a kick-off time of 1.30pm so those who want to can still get to the Wales v Australia match.

Old Illtyds have had some good results of late, and are currently lying sixth in the table, winning their last four games with wins against Pentrych and Gwernhyfed, so another big challenge.

The next game after that is on December 1 at home to CR Cymry Caerdydd.

The youth are in action this Saturday at St Peters. After the Old Illtyds game the club will be showing the Wales v Australia game (kick-off 5.20pm), so why not join us?

Finally, many thanks to everyone involved in the superb firework display at the club on Monday and all those who supported it.

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Golf competition comes to an epic conclusion

THE annual Tri-Captain's Cup competition concluded when St Mary's Golf Club's senior section played the third and final leg.

The competition has been closely contested with the captain's, vice-captain's and past captain's teams all tied on 20 points each after the first leg.

The second leg proved to be a little more decisive, however, with the vice-captain's team edging into a narrow two point lead over the captain's team with an accumulative score of 44 points.

The past-captain's team lagged two points further behind on 40 points.

With all to play for in the third leg, the captain's team turned up the heat and, with some excellent performances on the day, staged an impressive comeback.

The two point margin proved to be just out of reach, however, and the vice-captain's team were delighted to claim the eventual victory by the

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Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s travelled to Pontypridd with 10 players unavailable, but still managed to field two teams.

In true minis spirit, no scores were kept with only rugby being the winner. Both Athletic teams were excellent in both attack and defence. All players showing great improvement from the week before.

The players deserve a mention for their efforts: Charlie Tune, Matthew Hallez, Adam Landells, George Cowan, Joshua Owen, Matthew Wilcox, William Smart, Zavier Gardener, Callum Brown, Isaac Rees.

Well done to Charlie Tune and Matthew Hallez for winning star taggers awards.

The under-8s were back on the road, visiting Pontypridd for a round-robin between the hosts and another visiting side from St Peters.

With all three sides boasting strong squad numbers, each was able to field two teams, meaning plenty of playing time for all the boys and a lot of rugby to watch for the home and visiting support.

The games versus Pontypridd were keenly-contested affairs with both sides evenly matched in most areas of play. On occasion however, the Ath boys were caught napping as Pontypridd, playing a high tempo style of rugby, offloaded the ball quickly following the tag. This put the visitors on the back foot, leading to scoring opportunities for Ponty.

The matches against St Peters in contrast were a more one-sided affair with the Ath always in the driving seat and putting together passages of inspirational team play and moments of individual brilliance.

The Ath were involved in six matches, winning four and losing two, scoring a total of 26 tries and clocking up a tag-count of 128.

The under-9s travelled to Pontypridd and the Athletic managed to hold out and win the game 45-35, mainly down to great defensive work from Rudi Quinn, Ethan Davies, Osian Kenny and Zack Hughes.

Try scorers were Dylan Jones (3), Ashton Davies (2), Rudi Quinn, Osian Kenny, Zack Hughes and Oliver Turvey.

It was a tale of two halves for the under-13s as they welcomed Rhiwbina to Newbridge Fields.

The first half saw the Ath on the front foot with their forwards winning the ball at rucks and in the loose. Rhys H ran in under the posts with Charlie R kicking the conversion, but Rhiwbina took advantage in the last minute of the half, running off the back of a scrum and scoring in the corner.

With some fresh legs in the second half Rhiwbina carried on where they finished the first with some good attacking play and some neat chips over the top. This tactic led to a couple of clear breaks and tries, neither of them being converted, meaning heading into the last five minutes Rhiwbina led 15-7.

The Ath didn't let their heads drop, carried on running with purpose and got their reward through Joel R, showing good footwork on the wing to score in the corner.

The restart was well caught by Rhys H, who ran from the halfway line without a hand on him to score his second try, leading to a narrow 17-15 win.

With an injury-hit squad, the under-15s welcomed Pontrhydyfen to Newbridge Fields for the first time in the fourth round of the Ospreys Cup.

Against the run of play Pontrhydyfen who scored the first points with a try out wide. Back came the Ath with a well-worked try of their own but they squandered a few more chances with the final passes knocked on.

At half-time, changes were made and the Ath started the second half strongly, getting two quick converted tries to extend their lead.

A few unforced errors allowed Pontrhydyfen back into the game, but the Ath, who never really got above second gear on the day, were very pleased to get a 40-26 win and progress to the next round of the Ospreys Cup.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

BRIDGEND'S Connor Brace, (17), had plenty to smile about at Wetherby last Friday, November 2, as he rode his first ever double under Rules when taking the opening and closing races.

Connor, who used to play mini and junior rugby at Kenfig Hill Rugby Club, won the Conditional Jockeys Novices' Handicap Hurdle on the Fergal O'Brien-trained *Ballyhome* and the Enjoy The Jumps On Racing UK Novices' Hurdle on Ben Pauling's *Skidoosh*.

Ballyhome went off the 6-4 favourite and won by eight lengths from *Northern Gal* and a 4-1 chance, scored by one-and-a-quarter lengths from *He's A Goer*, ridden by the champion jockey Richard Johnson.

They were Connor's only two rides at the meeting and the former point-to-point rider, who last season won the National Novice Riders' Championship, as well as several other awards, rode 21 winners between-the flags for his grandfather David Brace of the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend.

A former pupil of St Clares Independent School in Porthcawl, Connor passed all 10 of his GCSEs and claims this was only because his mother wouldn't allow him to go racing if he hadn't done well in his exams.

Connor, who is attached to Fergal O'Brien's Gloucestershire yard, won his first pony race at the age of 11 and rode a total of 47 winners at pony races held at point-to-points all over the country.

He says his most exciting racing moment was winning his first race under Rules on *Robin Des People* at Stratford when he beat his pal, Welsh champion point-to-point rider Bradley Gibbs.

We will certainly be hearing a lot more of Connor, who is a great admirer of legendary jockeys A P McCoy and Davy Russell, so watch this space!

CHARLIE JUST MISSED OUT

Charlie Price (21), an amateur rider based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard in the Vale who rode Vaughan's mare *Midnight Queen* to success at the Torrington Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point at Umberleigh, which saw the end of the hunt-racing season in June, is equally at home when riding on the flat.

As on the recently finished Arabian Horse Racing circuit, Charlie just missed out on becoming champion jockey as he rode nine winners compared to the 10 partnered by Will Petts.

Charlie even had the legendary Arabian Horse racing jockey Simon Walker behind him in third place on the eight winners mark.

A few years ago, Charlie teamed up with Wales' leading Arabian Horse Racing trainer Delyth Thomas of Kenfig Hill and at the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Arabian Horse Race at Wolverhampton in June, he rode a brilliant treble on *Al Muthana* and *Al Monther* for HH Sheikh Hamdam and trainer Phil Collington, and on Thomas' 16-year-old *Noble Athlete* he took the Happy Ninth Birthday Handicap Stakes over six furlongs.

On that occasion, *Noble Athlete* was chalking up his 17th victory and has won over distances from six furlongs to one mile and two furlongs at racecourses throughout the land such as Hereford, Taunton, Newbury and Ffos Las.

TIM'S CARLISLE WINNER

'Have horses, will travel' is the motto of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

At far flung Carlisle on Sunday, November 4, his seven-year-old *LooksnowtlikeBrian*, a winner of its only race this season, landed the £15,640 Cumberland Handicap Chase when coming home 10 lengths ahead of *Bako De La Saulaie*.

The 4-1 favourite in a field of 12 runners, *LooksnowtlikeBrian* was ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

Tim's hopes of an across the card double at Huntingdon were dashed when his *Sad Eyed Dylan* was beaten by two lengths by the favourite *Darebin*.

Sad Eyed Dylan, who was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns from west Wales, has now finished in the runner-up spot in his last three races.

Two Welsh riders who both rode winners at the meeting were the brothers Sean and James Bowen-Sean took the Juvenile Hurdle on the Dr Newland-trained *Katpoli* and James the Novices' Hurdle on Nicky Henderson's *Full Bore*.

The former won by six lengths from the oddly-named *Oi The Clubb Oi's* and the latter scored by two lengths from *Espoir De Loire* and both started favourites.

TIM'S HEREFORD WINNER

***Tight Call*, trained by the Vale's Tim Vaughan, won the closing Cotswold Mini Hereford 'National Hunt' Auction Maiden Hurdle at Hereford on Monday, November 5.**

Ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, *Tight Call*, the odds-on favourite had only two horses to beat and made all the running to score by 10 lengths from *Milldean Silva*.

Earlier in the afternoon, Johnson had scored on *Roll The Dough* while at Plumpton, Evan Williams' stable jockey Adam Wedge won on Ali Stronge's *Zoffany Bay*.

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, October 30, a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

In the league, the Edmondes B beat the Victoria Inn 6-3. This was a match of high-quality darts with Jake Edwards (Victoria Inn), the league's youngest player, scoring 100, while Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) won legs in 11 and 12 darts, Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) won a leg in 12 darts and Dai Thomas (Edmondes B) won a leg in 11 darts.

Second-placed Highwayman Inn beat the Edmondes C 7-2 and so closed the gap on the Edmondes B. The Farmers Arms beat the Llanharry 5-4, despite the fact that both brothers Lee and Jon Davies (Llanharry), hit a 180.

The Hairy Farmers beat the Red Lion Inn 7-2. Joan Burt (Red Lion Inn) hit a 75 two-dart out (25 and bull), the highest ladies out so far this season.

In the other match, the Edmondes A beat the One Town Hall Square 7-2.

Present league standings after six weeks, are: Edmondes B (44 points), Highwayman Inn (40), Edmondes A and Llanharry (24), Farmers Arms and Hairy Farmers (22), Victoria Inn (19), One Town Hall Square and Edmondes C (8) and Red Lion Inn (5).

Next week on November 13, there is another full programme of fixtures. The Edmondes B hosts the Edmondes C, the Farmers Arms hosts the Hairy Farmers, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes A, the Red Lion Inn hosts the One Town Hall Square and the Victoria Inn hosts Llanharry.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information, email Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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ALL EYES NOW TURN TO AUSTRALIA - ARE THEY THERE FOR THE TAKING?

A good start to autumn for Wales as rugby pays tribute to a remarkable man

by PHILIP IRWIN

REMEMBER when strength in depth was the Holy Grail of Welsh rugby?

It was there in the background when we had a competitive team, and then became a full grown curse when we were short of star names.

New Zealand and England have always had strength in depth, while in recent years Ireland have organised their affairs so well that they have it too.

However, when you add up the Welsh names who were missing from the encounter with Scotland – either injured, rested or red taped – it is pretty clear that Warren Gatland does now have a strong pool of players from which to choose.

The autumn internationals have become a testing ground for players who are forcing themselves into the mix, but it does affect the crowd, who hold back a bit emotionally, more intent on assessing the new players than on cheering Wales on. It makes for a slightly odd situation, because the players are not holding back at all – there were some crunching collisions – but the atmosphere was muted.

The Wales coach had urged his team to 'play smart' and there was a sense – for almost the entire game – that Wales were in control, but in the end the match never caught fire.

It took Wales maybe 15 minutes to form the view that this Scotland team lacked a cutting edge, and so they were content to play a territorial game. Watch Wales in any pub these days and you can guarantee that two or three fans will get angrier and angrier every time Gareth Davies sets himself to launch another box kick.

They must have been apoplectic on Saturday.

The fact that Warren Gatland keeps picking him suggests that the Welsh coaching team are happy with the tactic, but the anger heads inexorably in Davies' direction, despite his excellent running when Wales do cut loose.

Normally Wales retrieve a fair percentage of possession from these box kicks, but on Saturday Scotland took the lion's share, but struggled to do much with it.

Perhaps Scotland were deflated by having the better of the first 10 minutes, only to be 6-0 down. In the first minute, their promising new star Adam Hastings had a chance to put a penalty kick well into the Welsh half but missed touch.

A bit of kicking tennis followed, which Wales won, and Scotland gave away a penalty on the 40-metre line. Leigh Halfpenny stepped up to score.

From the Scotland point of view, worse followed two minutes later when centre Alex Dunbar managed to stand up Hadleigh Parkes and then take him on the outside. He made ground and was tackled on the 25, but the attack continued until Hastings (probably) kicked ahead when he should have passed and Halfpenny was able to touch down for a 22 drop out.

From the restart, Scotland were penalised and Anscombe demonstrated exactly what to do with a penalty, finding a long touch to put Wales in the Scotland 25. Wales attacked from the lineout and Scotland were penalised, giving Anscombe a free play which he used cleverly, chipping to the corner for George North to gather and touch down. However, the initial impression that North's right foot had slipped over the touch line was confirmed by the TMO.

It was back for the penalty, another Halfpenny success and 6-0 to Wales.

At this stage, the penalty count was accelerating against Scotland, as they desperately tried to stem the Welsh attacks, and on 20 minutes, a Ross Moriarty charge led to a third penalty, again converted by Halfpenny.

However, Scotland did get some encouragement when on 25 minutes, the first scrum of the game resulted in a penalty against Wales. Hastings, his early nerves gone now, split the posts and it was 9-3 to Wales.

While Scotland were lacking a cutting edge, it was pretty clear that Wales had one and George North, who is looking back to his best, proved that on 29 minutes when he left the right wing and went looking for work elsewhere, appearing in the centre, spotting a gap and shrugging off two despairing Scottish tackles. Halfpenny's conversion from wide out was two feet wide of the mark – his only miss of the day.

As half time approached, however, the penalty count started to even out and from one of these, Hastings put the ball close to the Welsh line. Wales defended Scotland's driving maul well – except for this occasion, when something went wrong and the Scotland hooker, Stuart McInally, emerged in the clear and went over. Hastings converted and suddenly it was 14–10.

Half time came and it became clear that Wales' new wing, Shane Williams-ish Luke Morgan, had not touched the ball. He and his opposite number Tommy Seymour had been in quarantine for the whole time, with the ball refusing to head in their direction. Seymour's contribution amounted to one excellent catch of a Wales high kick, but that was it.

On the opposite wing, North and Leigh Jones had both made several sniping runs but sometimes rugby simply isn't fair. It didn't get any better for the lonely wings in the second half.

The second half took a while to get going, but when it did, after seven minutes, it was spectacular. There is something very reassuring about seeing a side score straight from a set piece. It's good to know that you don't have to sit through a dozen static phases.

Wales won a line out and the ball was out quickly to Parkes, who passed to Anscombe on the run around, and the outside half drew his man and slipped the ball with perfect timing to Jonathan Davies, who was at full speed.

A trademark hand-off and the fit-again Scarlet was in the clear, with a despairing Scottish cover trying to get to him. In fact, it's possible that the only Welsh person in the stadium hoping that the cover would cut him off was Luke Morgan on the wing, well positioned for a scoring pass that didn't come!

Halfpenny converted to make it 21-10 and that was the last of the scoring. Scotland monopolised possession but couldn't find that elusive cutting edge, while Wales made it difficult for themselves – particularly when replacement hooker Elliot Dee picked up a yellow card shortly after coming on.

He might have made it worse by arguing with referee Mathieu Raynal, but Alun Wynn Jones was quickly on the scene to tell him to keep quiet. As a result, Dan Lydiate, who had an excellent game, had to retire to the bench so that the front row could get back to full strength with the return of Ken Owens.

To say that the Scarlets hooker was not happy about having to return is an understatement, and his first words were for his fellow forwards who, he clearly felt, had taken their foot off the gas.

Before Dee's departure the Welsh defence had had a lucky escape when Scotland lock Jonny Gray was nearly over, but gave away a penalty by attempting a double movement. A touch of patience could well have seen Scotland score, and the cameras turned to Scotland coach Gregor Townsend, whose face became grimmer and grimmer as the game wore on.

The expansive game that Scotland have been working towards was just not happening.

So, that yellow card meant that Wales had to play almost the last 10 minutes with seven forwards, which is a good way of testing your defence – but just how much of a test were this Scotland side?

For Scotland, the brothers George Horne (scrum half) and Peter (centre) came on and they almost scored, with George manufacturing a neat chip through, only for the ball to slip through Peter's fingers.

For Wales, Tomos Williams came on at scrum half and looked sharp. Quick witted too when he picked up a spilled Scottish ball and instantly noted that Anscombe and Morgan were advancing at top speed. His kick ahead made the two dead certs to reach it first, and there would have been time for Anscombe to step aside and let Luke Morgan finally get the ball in an attacking position.

Sadly, it veered off line at the last minute and rolled into touch.

That was the last significant action and a Welsh score at that point would have flattered them, as the possession stats were way in Scotland's favour.

There was just time for a flood of last minute substitutions. These always strike me as pointless, but at least this time there was a joke there – at poor Luke Morgan's expense. No sooner had Steff Evans come on – in the last minute – than the ball was suddenly available and he took a pass in a little bit of space. Not enough to race clear, but at least with a chance to beat a man!

So, it was a result that puts Wales in good shape for the upcoming game against Australia.

In the back row, Lydiate, Moriarty and Tipuric all did what they do so well – and Tipuric was made man of the match.

There were very few scrums in the match, but at one point the Welsh seven-man scrum outsmarted an attacking Scotland scrum to win an important penalty. Alun Wynn Jones, thank goodness, is still Alun Wynn Jones.

In the backs, Anscombe varied his game well and can only have enhanced his reputation, and it was good to see George North back to his sharpest. An added bonus is that Jonathan Davies is making a very rapid recovery after such a long period out.

However, it would be massively remiss of me to ignore the man who dominated the match.

Doddie Weir was always a man who played the game with a smile on his face.

He was someone who gave the clear impression that there was more to life than rugby.

That it was only a game.

His attitude and demeanour since the terrible diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease has been remarkable, and the decision to play the game to raise awareness and funds for research into the condition was something that Wales and Scotland can be proud of.

The Doddie Weir Cup will be a lasting legacy to a truly remarkable man.

Dennis Gethin and Doddie Weir.
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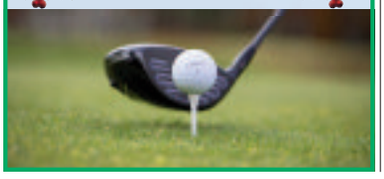
George North is denied a try as his foot touches the line.

Gareth Anscombe varied his game well.

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